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Reloaded Rams eyeing another title

By Dave Hickman

The bad news for Shepherd's football team this fall is what the Rams lost on offense from last season's West Virginia Conference champions.

The good news is what Monte Cater has done to fill the holes.

When the veteran Shepherd coach talks about losing virtually all of the skill-position players from his offense, he readily admits that it is not a crushing blow.

"If you look at our offense, we lost all our skill kids," Cater said. "The cupboard isn't bare, certainly, but those are huge losses if you're talking about defending a title."



Cater

Huge, but not insurmountable, because there is plenty of talent to fill in the gaps.

One of the things that makes Shepherd (7-3 last season, 7-0 in the WVC) so intriguing this season is how the Rams have managed to fill those holes, particularly at running back. While Alex Herbert took his 3,488 career rushing yards (fifth all-time in the league) with him to graduation, Cater landed a pair of transfers who should fill in quite nicely. One is former West Virginia University walk-on Bryan Wright and the other is Dervon Wallace, who played at West Virginia State two years ago.

"[Wright] is doing what we hoped he'd do all along, which was come to Shepherd," Cater said of the 5-foot-7 bulldozer of a back, who played his high school ball at Hampshire High School. "He's strong, he can run and he does a lot of things."

Ditto for Wallace, who sat out last year and didn't even practice with the team in the fall.

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE GLANCE

PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

First-place votes in parentheses:

Team	Total
1. Shepherd (6)	61
2. West Virginia Wesleyan (1)	47
3. Glenville State (1)	46
4. Fairmont State	44
5. Concord	38
6. Charleston	22
7. West Virginia State	17
8. West Liberty State	13

*WVU Tech is not eligible for the '05 title.

FINAL 2004 STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Overall
Shepherd	7-0	7-3
Glenville State	5-2	5-6
West Virginia Wesleyan	4-3	6-5
Fairmont State	4-3	5-5
Concord	4-3	5-6
West Virginia State	2-5	3-8
WVU Tech	2-5	2-9
West Liberty State	0-7	2-8
Charleston	n/a	3-7

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS

Passing YPG

1. Marc Kimes (W.Va. Wesleyan)
266.2; 2. Joey Conrad (Glenville St.)
225.9; 3. Corey Isner (Charleston)
128.8

Rushing YPG

1. Wendell Johnson (Fairmont St.)
124.0; 2. Jo Jo Parker (Fairmont St.)
78.8; 3. Arthur Bryant (Glenville St.)
63.1

Receiving YPG

1. Tavon McGee (Glenville St.) 70.9;
2. T.R. Dues (W.Va. Wesleyan) 61.5; 3.
Ron Buskey (Concord) 55.4

All-purpose YPG

1. T.R. Dues (W.Va. Wesleyan) 179.1;
2. Wendell Johnson (Fairmont St.) 151.8;
3. Tavon McGee (Glenville St.) 90.2

Scoring per game

1. T.R. Dues (W.Va. Wesleyan) 7.1; 2.
Ben Thornton (Concord) 6.6; 3. Wendell
Johnson (Fairmont St.) 6.0

Pass efficiency

1. Marc Kimes (W.Va. Wesleyan)
128.4; 2. Joey Conrad (Glenville St.)
119.0; 3. Kyle Fields (Charleston) 114.8

Punt return average

1. T.R. Dues (W.Va. Wesleyan) 13.3; 2.
Dustin Dudinski (Shepherd) 11.3; 3.
Tavon McGee (Glenville St.) 10.5

Kickoff return average

1. T.R. Dues (W.Va. Wesleyan) 22.6; 2.
Dustin Dudinski (Shepherd) 20.8; 3. Tor-
rance Ruth (Concord) 20.7

Interceptions

1. Dustin Dudinski (Shepherd) 6.1;
Dan Peters (Shepherd) 6.1; 2. Dominick
Coker (Fairmont St.) 6

Tackles per game

1. Jacques Taylor (Glenville St.) 10.6;
2. Dennis Stanton (Glenville St.) 10.2; 3.
Derick Stots (W.Va. St.) 8.9

Tackles for loss

1. Mingo Brown (WVU Tech) 19; 1. Tor-
rance Lee (Concord) 19; 3. Andre Hen-
derson (Shepherd) 14

"Two years ago, State played up at our place and we couldn't tackle him," Cater said of the 5-foot-8, 174-pound sophomore from Lusby, Md. "Now we see him every day in practice and we still can't tackle him. We hope some other teams have that problem, too, but we have to find a way to get both of them on the field at the same time."

That's not likely to be a problem because of Wallace's versatility. He can play in the backfield or the slot or as a wide receiver and will also be the Rams' kickoff return man.

While the Rams will have their

fourth new quarterback in four years and a new group of receivers to go along with Wright and Wallace, the offensive line is strong with four starters back and just one senior. The defense should also be solid, and the kicking game is outstanding with Wallace and Dustin Dudinski returning kicks and Ricky Schmitt again handling the punting and place-kicking.

The real problem for the Rams will be the schedule, which has Wesleyan, Glenville, Fairmont and Concord — the four teams picked right behind Shepherd in the coaches' preseason poll — all on the road.

W.Va. Wesleyan

The Bobcats (6-5, 4-3) were the preseason favorites in the league last season, but lost their last three games to Shepherd, Glenville and West Virginia State after a 6-2 start that included a 4-0 conference run. If Wesleyan is going to bounce back, it will be behind senior quarterback Marc Kimes, the former Kennedy Award winner at Parkersburg, and running back T.R. Dues, a junior from South Charleston.

"Kimes is one of those guys that, even without a supporting cast, he's going to have a chance to win," Wesleyan coach Bill Struble said. "And Dues is the same way. He's a great athlete."

Kimes, who won or shared the

first-team quarterback spot on the all-conference team each of the last two years, is coming off a junior season in which he led the league with just under 3,000 passing yards and tossed 19 touchdowns.

"He's one of those special kind of guys that you only get a few of them in your career," Struble said.

Dues, at just 5-9 and 163 pounds, is another. He led the conference in all-purpose yards last season, averaging 179.1 per game (third in the nation) as a running back, receiver and kick returner. He was also second in the league in scoring, punt returns and kickoff returns.

"Everybody in the [league] is going to know where T.R. is," Struble said. "He's going to be a wide-out, in the backfield, returning the ball. We've got to give him as many opportunities as we can."

The Bobcats are also capable on the offensive line, but defense was the problem in 2004. Six starters are back from a unit that gave up 30 or more points five times, including each of those last three losses.

Glenville

One more good season could give Joey Conrad the conference record for passing yards, a mark (10,876 yards, by Glenville's Jed Drenning) once thought invincible. Conrad is already fourth on the list and needs just under 2,700 yards to match Drenning, who played for the Pioneers when Rich Rodriguez was the coach. Conrad needs practically the same total to pass Drenning's total offense record of 11,319 yards.

Can he do it? Well, second-year coach Alan Fiddler has fine-tuned his offense to be more productive, so yes.

"The offense is very similar to what Marshall did when they had Chad [Pennington] and Byron [Leftwich]," said Fiddler, who worked as a graduate assistant under former Herd coach Bob Pruett.

Despite losing All-America wide-out Antonio Carter (78 catches, 1,066 yards, and the league's offensive player of the year award), Glenville (5-6, 5-2) still has plenty of pass targets, including Tavon McGee (57-780), along with leading rusher Arthur Bryant.

On defense, Glenville's eight returning starters include standout linebackers Jacques Taylor and Dennis Stanton.

Fairmont

A strong finish last season lends hope to the Falcons, who won their final three games to finish 5-5 and 4-3 in the league.

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WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

New coach ushering changes at Charleston

By Jack Bogaczyk

In one way, University of Charleston football has made a step up in class. In another, it has taken two steps back in class.

There's new veteran coach Tony DeMeo, who arrived last Christmas season and is almost as good with a quote as he is with the triple-option offense. There's a spongy new turf, as UC Stadium has been transformed from the former Laidley Field.

Under the south stands, the Division II program has turned unused and former storage space into a Division I locker room. There's new competition in a return to the West Virginia Conference, where UC last played football in 1956 as Morris Harvey College.

The roster has undergone a renovation, too. That's where the Golden Eagles, in their third season on the field following a 47-season hiatus, have taken a couple of steps backward — but solid ones nonetheless.

DeMeo's first UC roster includes 59 freshmen among 95 players. Gone is the emphasis of bringing in junior college players, mostly from California and Florida. That wasn't the answer the school wanted.

"It's really different," said senior

UC schedule

DATE	OPP	TIME
Aug. 27	Bethel	6 p.m.
Sept. 3	Austin Peay	2 p.m.
Sept. 10	Glenville St.*	1 p.m.
Sept. 17	W.Va. Wesleyan*	1 p.m.
Sept. 24	at W.Va. State*	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Concord*	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Shepherd*	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Fairmont St.*	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	at WVU Tech*	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Seton Hill	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	West Liberty*	1 p.m.

* denotes WVC game

defensive end Will Schaffer, one of those former jocos himself. "There are a lot of new faces, and these freshmen are going to bring a new life to the team.

"There's an energy we didn't have before, not to mention an organization we didn't have ... a lot more structure. What they're doing is going to pay off in the long run, to build the program.

"The thing about junior college players is, well, there's not enough there to build a program. Two years and they're gone. We had a lot of people leave. These young guys will have more pride because they're building a legacy."

The Golden Eagles, who open the season Saturday night against Bethel (Tenn.) and play their first

four games at home, have been picked to finish sixth in the nine-team WVC. DeMeo doesn't know how competitive UC will be because he's not familiar with the state conference.

"I do know we'll be as good as we can possibly be," said DeMeo, a New York native entering his 20th season and fourth stop as a head coach. "We'll maximize our ability ... I know we're way ahead of where I expected we'd be in our program."

UC's bid to build in football and market a program is reflected in the Eagles' roster. Twenty of the UC freshmen are Mountain State residents. That should bring in more than fans curious about the Golden Eagles to watch a rekindled program that had next-to-no local roots.

DeMeo's triple-option offense operates from the shotgun, usually with two slot receivers, two wideouts and one running back — but features a more balanced attack than it might seem from the sets.

An August quarterback derby features two of the handful of area players who aren't new.

The starter figures to be Cory Isner, a returning junior starter from Ripley, or Kyle Fields, a senior and

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State hoping to adjust image

By Jack Bogaczyk

When Kenny Davis tells acquaintances he plays college football and they ask where, the former Riverside high player doesn't think the reaction is funny.

"When I tell them I play at West Virginia State, they laugh and think it's such a joke," Davis said. "People around here have a bad attitude about State football. They have no idea the level of football this is."

Davis, in his final season as a Yellow Jackets' receiver, wants to be a part of the team that wipes away State's laughingstock image. He's one of State's two returning first team All-West Virginia Conference players, along with offensive lineman Aaron Hill of Cincinnati.

If State is going to even approach playing over .500 — which it hasn't since going 6-4 under then-coach Scott Tinsley 13 years ago — the Yellow Jackets are going to need some inexperienced players to do more than fill holes.

"This is, by far, the best team we've had since I've been here," said the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Davis, who caught 44 passes last season. "We have more talent than we've had in my first two years [at State]. I think what we

W.Va. State schedule

DATE	OPP	TIME
Aug. 27	Bowie St.	1 p.m.
Sept. 3	Cheyney St.	1 p.m.
Sept. 10	at W.Va. Wesleyan*	1 p.m.
Sept. 17	Fairmont St.*	1 p.m.
Sept. 24	Charleston*	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Allen	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Concord*	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	WVU Tech*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	at West Liberty*	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	Glenville St.*	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Shepherd*	1 p.m.

* denotes WVC game

did at the end of last year will help us, too."

The Yellow Jackets finished 3-8, but closed with WVC victories over West Liberty and West Virginia Wesleyan. The latter was the preseason WVC favorite in 2004, and finished 6-5.

It was a positive step in a season in which State got a \$25,000 guarantee for visiting Division I-AA Western Carolina — but also a 77-7 pounding.

Coach Carl Lee is back for his 10th State season, and a 5-5 finish in 1999 was his best record on the sideline. The former Marshall star and Pro Bowl defensive back for the Minnesota Vikings seems realistically optimistic.

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And they did it essentially without a quarterback.

"If you put all of our quarterbacks last year together we wouldn't have had one good one," said fourth-year coach Rusty Elliott. "So we've moved all of them somewhere else."

So the quarterback job is wide open this year, but in truth perhaps all the Falcons need to find is someone who can hand the



Elliott

ball off to Wendell Johnson and Jo Jo Parker, who combined for almost 2,000 rushing yards last season. Johnson led the league, averaging 124 yards per game.

If a quarterback can be found — junior college transfer Nate Lewis is the front-runner — Josh Romeo is a terrific receiver.

But six starters have to be re-

placed on a defense that led the league.

Concord

It seems everyone has a one-two punch at running back and Concord (5-4, 4-3) is certainly no exception.

Ben Thornton led the Mountain

Lions last season and now he's joined by Marshall transfer Tank Tunstalle.

"We've got something that could be explosive," said third-year coach Greg Quick.

"But we've also got something that could blow up in our hands if we don't handle it right, so we have to be careful."

Concord could also be very solid on defense after finishing third in the conference in total defense last season and with seven starters returning.

The defensive ends figure to be the best in the league — returning all-league first-teamer Terrance Lee and Akron transfer Iakopo "Jake" Lee.



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WVU Tech building for future

JACKETS

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By Michael Dalley

Former West Virginia University Tech offensive coordinator Bill Briggs returns to college coaching after a year as a youth counselor in Montana.

And while Briggs, a former University of Oregon player, knows that rebuilding Tech's shaky football program will take some time, he likes what he's seen through spring practice and the first weeks of fall practice.

"We had the spring adjustment period for the kids that were here," said Briggs, who welcomed 65 players to fall camp. "That really helped because they recruited a few of their friends for us and we were able to bring a few more kids in."

"We also had some kids that left the program in January, prior to my being hired, that have come back because of the way things happened in the spring."

Once a full roster is established, Briggs, who left Tech after the 1998 season, hopes to build a solid football foundation.

"My idea of this place is that I firmly believe Tech can make strides and become a solid place that will be here for a long, long time," said Briggs. "Heck, they were talking about dropping football here in 1964 and in 1998, when I was here the first time."

Briggs, who operates with just one other full-time coach (Shane Beatty) and three student coaches (Scott Pol-

WVU Tech schedule

DATE	OPP	TIME
Aug. 27	at Edinboro	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Western Ky.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	at West Liberty	1 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Carson-Newman	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Glenville St.	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Shepherd	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	W.Va. Wesleyan	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	at W.Va. State	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Charleston	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Concord	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	Fairmont St.	1 p.m.

NOTE: WVU Tech ineligible for WVC title

lock, Martin Berry and Savon McClemore), believes that the team's defensive backfield and receiving corps must play a vital role if the Golden Bears are to have early success.

Defensive backfield starters in Briggs' 3-5-3 defensive scheme are senior cornerback Ricard Ross (6-foot-1, 185 pounds), junior corner Nigel James (6-1, 175) and redshirt freshman Eric Putnom (6-1, 185).

"Another thing we have is a good receivers corps," continued Briggs.

"We're led by Chris Lawson [6-1, 180], a Beckley kid, who's returning for his senior year. We've also got a kid named James Boyd, a sophomore, who is about is about 200 pounds and 6-foot-2. He's real tough to tackle."

Clay County's Leo Thomas (6-11, 180) returns for his sophomore year with what Briggs calls "some of the best hands I've ever seen."

Briggs also likes the spark the

two units have provided at practice.

"We're going to be strong in those positions and it's going to be a lot of fun in practice," said Briggs. "They've already been talking things like 'you can't get by me' and 'oh yes I can.' It's going to be interesting to watch."

Former Cabell Midland standout Joey Jude and junior college transfer Micah Brown are the top candidates to guide Tech's short-pass-oriented offense. Brown is sidelined while awaiting the arrival of transfer transcripts.

Returning senior Devin Thomas (6-2, 310) will man the right tackle position, while senior returnee Brock Skeen (6-0, 260) will anchor the line at center.

Converted tight end John Jackson (6-4, 260) will take over at left tackle and jumbo transfer Mike Charles (6-1, 264) steps in at guard. Freshmen Wes Chandler and Chad Ramsey, along with Lance Thullah and Karen Dickson, will battle for the remaining guard spot.

The defensive front will be anchored by returning junior Bruce Fowler (6-1, 235) and Texas Tech transfer Kakami Malachi. Seniors Mingo Brown (6-2, 270), Butch Marshall (5-10, 245) and Titus Gray (6-2, 230) will man the linebacking corps.

Mount Hope graduate Tyrone Powell and Tony Jones (6-4, 275) will also see action along the defensive line.

UC's offseason turnover rate was astounding.

Fields joined the UC program for its rebirth in 2003, then took a medical redshirt year after suffering a leg fracture. He played in eight games last season. The Hurricane native said he feels he's with a new program again.

"In that sense, this is a program that's finally come into its own," Fields said. "Whatever happens, I'm glad I've got one more season to be part of this."

"I look forward to the season because what's always excited me is working with guys who love to play," said Lee, 32-66 at State. "When you have a lot of new faces and freshmen, they're young, and want to make an impression, and they're guys who love to play."

"They're guys who, when you're trying to motivate, it isn't like pulling teeth. Playing well late last season helps, too. It showed our young guys who were playing what's possible."

State opens Saturday afternoon on the Institute campus against Bowie State (picked second in the CIAA Eastern Division behind Shaw).

The Jackets have a schedule that could provide an opportunity for advancement.

There is no I-AA hurdle, and four of the first six games are at Lakin Field, where the visitors include similarly struggling Cheyney (Pa.) and a first meeting in history with the University of Charleston. State also goes to Allen (S.C.), 3-6 last year and in only its second NAIA-sanctioned season.

There's little secret to where State needs to make its most dramatic change on game days. The Yellow Jackets ranked 145th — and last — in NCAA Division II in turnover margin last season. State was minus-20 in 11 games.

Only one team in the country (St. Anselm, 33) threw more interceptions. Among the State giveaways were 27 picks, eight more than the next worst in the WVC.

Lee begins 2005 with a new quarterback, after Kerrick Cooper, the starter last season, finished his eligibility, and rising sopho-

more Tommy Bordieri didn't return.

The starter now is another former Riverside player, Lucas Wright, a well-traveled sophomore who punted in a game for Glenville against State in 2001. The 6-0, 200-pound Charleston native "has a strong arm, and is the kind of guy who just wants to play and win," Lee said.



Lee

Lee likes his offensive and defensive fronts. The defensive wall gets a return from injury by 305-pound sophomore Michael Hawkins at one tackle, with Milton Hall at the other spot. At end, Lee also expects senior Adriel Frasier to be a force.

"I'm hoping the quarterback spot and receiving corps will surprise me the most," Lee said. "We didn't throw it [44 percent, besides the interceptions] or catch it as well as we could last year."

However, Lee said ultimately what could matter most at State is attitude and coaches putting a young team in position to play at its maximum.

"We've been there [500] before," the Jackets' coach said. "This has the potential to be that kind of year. We have a couple of games early that are very important, and if we can win those and feel good, maybe we can make a run."

"We lost a couple of close ones last year, too, that if we had hung on, could have changed the complexion of the season. Our players understood at times that it was a play here, a play there ... but you have to make those plays."

"What it tells us this season is that we have a chance."

CHARLESTON

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one-time transfer from Division I-AA Bucknell. He's a Hurricane native, although he played high school football at Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy.

"Neither one has been an option quarterback before," DeMeo said, "but they've both picked it up in no time."

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY



Running back Jason Colson (24) is one of the few proven players on the Mountaineer offense.

Mountaineers enter season with holes at QB, on defense

By Dave Hickman

Sure, there are a lot of question marks surrounding West Virginia's football team this season, certainly a lot more than a year ago, when the Mountaineers were everyone's pick to dominate the Big East.

They start at quarterback, shift quickly over to wide receiver, then

skip around to a revamped line-backing corps and the always-intriguing kicking game. The secondary? The depth on the offensive line? Even the running game is a puzzle, what with so many tailbacks and so few footballs.

But you know what? Rich Rodriguez likes this team. He likes it a lot.

Searching for answers



Anthony Mims returns at cornerback for the Mountaineers.



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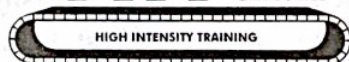
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"You'd always like to have a little more explosiveness at certain positions; not just wide receiver and on offense, but edge rushers and things like that," Rodriguez said.

"But the physical makeup of our team — the strength and the ability to run and all that — I like what I've seen so far."

The problem, then, becomes one of experience and maturity.

If the players are there and the coaching is solid, there seem to be few limits for this team in the revamped Big East. The toughest league games — Louisville and Pitt — are at home.

The hardest non-conference game, Virginia Tech, is at Mountaineer Field, too. And the most intriguing game, the opener at Syracuse, comes with four weeks of lead time.

But if West Virginia's young players don't live up to expectations, even the simplest of

WVU schedule

DATE	OPP	TIME
Sept. 4	at Syracuse*	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Wofford	6 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Maryland	Noon
Sept. 24	East Carolina	Noon
Oct. 1	Virginia Tech	Noon
Oct. 8	at Rutgers*	TBA
Oct. 15	Louisville*	TBA
Oct. 22	at South Florida*	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Connecticut*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Cincinnati*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	Pittsburgh*	8 p.m.

* denotes Big East game

tasks will become difficult.

"We need to mature quickly. That's going to be a key," Rodriguez said. "Once a guy gets a couple of games under his belt, he should have that experience and be all right. But they're going to get into situations in games that they haven't seen before. How they react to those will be a key to us winning games."

Another key will be the play of the West Virginia defense, which



Rodriguez

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appears to be its strength. With three of the five starters back in the secondary, the deepest defensive line group at the school in years and some potential at linebacker, this could be the year that the Mountaineers' defense overshadows its offense.

"That wouldn't bother me because we have a little more experience and depth over there," said Rodriguez, whose own coaching is primarily geared toward the offense. "It wouldn't bother me at all to win on defense and special teams, as long as we win."

"They're pretty athletic and they run around. I think our secondary has a chance to be pretty good. I really like what they've done so far in practice. And the nice part is I haven't seen a whole lot of busted assignments."

That secondary is led by safeties Jahmile Addae and Mike Loretto, two seniors who have played since their true freshman seasons.

"The big thing for us is I think we have the ability to do more because the experience we have at the safeties," Rodriguez said. "The safeties control the back end and, in reality, they control what you can do with the defensive calls. And with Addae and Loretto, we're able to do more because of their experience."

Anthony Mims returns at one corner and Dee McCann will replace Adam "Pac-Man" Jones at the other, while Eric Wicks stands ready to step in for Lawrence Audena at the third safety spot.

On the defensive front, Ernest Hunter, Keilen Dykes, Craig Wilson, Warren Young and Andrae Wright have all played, Pat Leibig is back from knee surgery, and Florida transfer Johnny Dingle is in the mix.

"It gives us a little bit of flexibility with six or seven guys," Rodriguez said. "Some of them may be pretty good run-stopper types and a couple may be pretty good third-down pass rush guys. They all have to be able to do everything, though."

The question mark is at linebacker, where Adam Lehnortt and Scott Gyorko graduated. Boo McLee and former walk-on Jeff

Noechel both have starting experience, Jay Henry is a solid, smart middle linebacker, and Marc Magro, Bobby Hathaway and perhaps Morty Ivy and Dwayne Mundle add depth.

On offense, the

2004 Big East glance

Final standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
*Louisville	—	10-1
Pittsburgh	4-2	8-3
West Virginia	4-2	8-3
Syracuse	4-2	6-5
Cincinnati	5-3	6-5
Connecticut	3-3	7-4
*South Florida	—	4-7
Rutgers	1-5	4-7

* First year in conference



Justice

strength is on the line, where center Jeremy Hines, guards Dan Mozes and Jeremy Sheffey and tackles Garin Justice and Travis Garrett have combined for 66 career starts. But the players behind them have com-

bined for none, so injuries are a concern.

If the line remains intact, the running game should thrive because there are enough backs to stock two or three teams. Jason Colson and Pernell Williams return at tailback, joined by freshmen



Linebacker Jeff Noechel (58) moves into the Mountaineers' starting lineup for 2005.

Steve Slaton and the much-hyped Jason Gwaltney. Owen Schmitt and Brad Palmer are quality full-backs.

But the other skill positions are a vast wasteland of experienced players.

Wide receiver Brandon Myles caught six passes last season and is the only wideout returning with more than one catch. Colson, with 12 catches, is the leading returning receiver and will probably see some time in the slot.

Beyond that, Rayshawn Bolden and Joe Hunter have some experience, but newcomers like Darius Reynaud, Mookie Tate and Jeremy Bruce are going to have to pick up the slack.

"There's four or five I feel pretty comfortable with, not counting [sophomore Dwayne] Thompson," Rodriguez said.

"So we're getting close. We just have to get a few others to be consistent."

Thompson spent the first week of camp at quarterback, which brings up the Mountaineers' most

important question mark.

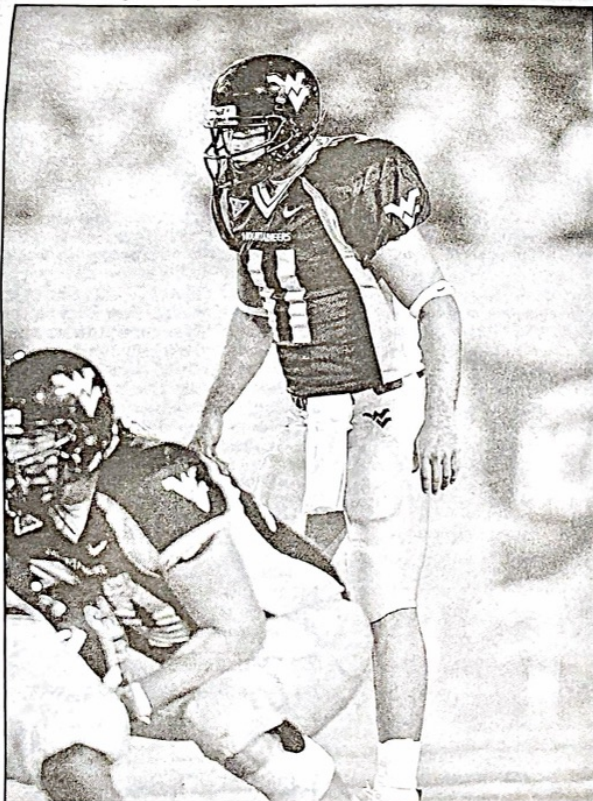
Last year's No. 3 quarterback,

sophomore Adam Bednarik, and spring star Pat White, a redshirt freshman, battled through the first weeks of camp, along with 25-year-old true freshman J.R. House.



Assuming a White quarterback can be found, that leaves the kicking game, which appears to be better in spots and questionable in others.

Freshman Pat McAfee has a strong leg and will do the kicking, while Phil Brady and freshman Scott Kozlowski will fight with McAfee for the punting job. But Jones is missing from the return game, which will leave a huge void.



Sophomore Adam Bednarik is in a battle for the starting quarterback job with Pat White and J.R. House.



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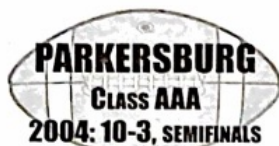
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Big Reds turning attention to ground game



By Nick Scala

Parkersburg has shown steady improvement in three years under coach Bernie Buttrey.

The Big Reds missed the playoffs in Buttrey's first season in 2002, but advanced to the second round of the postseason in 2003 and made it all the way to the semifinals last year, losing to Martinsburg to complete a 10-3 season. During the regular season, Parkersburg was ranked No. 3 in Class AAA.

"Any time you have transition like that in a coaching staff, it takes a while to get your system instilled in the kids," Buttrey said. "I feel like we've made that kind of progress."

If the progress continues, it'll be with a different look for the Big Reds.

Last year, quarterback Chance Litton made Parkersburg a dangerous passing team. With Litton gone, the situation will be reversed, with the focus on the running game.

Three seniors will key the ground attack. Joey Lindamood (6-foot-1, 210 pounds) rushed for nearly 1,000 yards in 2004, earned first-team all-state honors as a defensive lineman and is the defending state champion in wrestling in the 215-pound class. Tony Morrison (6-2, 190) rushed for about 500 yards last year, and Dustin Combs (5-11, 205), who was a starter at defensive tackle last year, moves in at fullback.

Buttrey said there's an interesting battle at quarterback. Senior Kyle Sutphin (6-3, 200), Litton's

backup for two years, is being pushed for the starting job by sophomore Andy Thomas (5-11, 180), who was a state wrestling champion as a freshman.

"The senior's in front right now, but Andy's making it a competitive battle, which is good for us," Buttrey said.

Most of Litton's top pass-catchers also are gone, so juniors like P.J. Polsley and Caleb Woodburn have some big shoes to fill.

Returning starters on the offensive line are seniors Steve Matheiny (6-0, 210) at center and Zach Garrett (5-11, 190) at guard. Joining them on the line will be guard Chase Fragale (6-0, 210, senior), tackles Justin Adkins (6-0, 230, junior) and Josh Jenkins (6-3, 270, sophomore) and tight end Charlie Taylor (6-0, 220, junior).

The Big Reds will have six returning starters on defense, including three linebackers — Lindamood, Morrison and Sergio Bracamontes (5-10, 175, senior). On the line, Combs and Garrett return, and Rhodes is back as the starting strong safety.



By Nick Scala

It wasn't too long ago that Parkersburg South football was viewed statewide as an underachieving giant, a big school severely lacking in both success and tradition.

Now, after four straight playoff seasons, including a state title in 2003, the Patriots are among the state's Class AAA elite and showing no signs of letting that slip away.

"Parkersburg South football will always be competitive," said coach Mike DeVol, whose arrival in 2001 coincided with the Patriots' entry into that elite. "Tradition is now a strength for us."

South finished the 2004 regular season with a 9-1 record for the fourth straight year, winding up ranked No. 5 in AAA, but was upset in the first round of the playoffs by Riverside. With eight key returning starters and huge numbers — 110 players were on hand for the start of camp — look for the Patriots to make another strong playoff run.

"We have more offensive players returning than on defense, so that's where we'll be strongest," DeVol said. "We're gonna be smaller than we've been, but the quickness is better."

South looks strongest on the offensive line, where seniors James Meade (6-foot-4, 275), Cal Humphreys (6-1, 230) and Josh Spaur (6-2, 250) all return.

Also back is Robert McMullen (6-9, 200, senior), who took most of the snaps at quarterback last year put will be lining up mostly at fullback this season. McMullen, who passed for 900 yards while completing 50-of-90 attempts in 2004, will also see some time at QB as South rotates its signal-calling duties dependent on situation and formation.

"Sometimes we'll be in the shotgun, sometimes in the 'T' formation, sometimes we'll spread it out," DeVol said. "[Variety at QB] is fun for the kids, and it helps if one goes down we've got somebody else who can step in."

Versatile Aaron Dobson (6-2, 190, senior) fits that mold perfectly and will also see work at quarterback. Last year, Dobson had 210 rushing yards, 200 passing yards and 318 receiving yards, along with six touchdowns. He'll play mostly at split end this year.

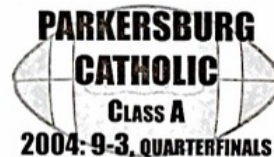
Junior Shannon Piggott (6-1, 175) will also get work at QB. Senior Josh Gaines (6-4, 200) is among the top returning receivers after hauling in 10 passes for 196 yards in 2004.

The Patriot defense will be led by two seniors. Linebacker Jamin De-

lancy (6-1, 210) had a whopping 212 tackles last year, and nose guard Codi Norman (6-1, 195) had 112 stops, was a first-team all-state selection and doubled as the team's punter, averaging 40 yards a kick.

DeVol said South's turnaround in recent years has "created our own monster because we can't find teams to play us."

That's why the schedule includes four out-of-state opponents — one from Washington, one from Baltimore and two in Ohio, including nearby Marietta.



By Nick Scala

Parkersburg Catholic has reached the Class A playoffs for 12 straight years, and veteran coach Danny Tennant thinks he might have the ingredients for a lucky 13th.

"We're kind of young, but we'll be all right," said Tennant, who coached the Crusaders to a 9-3 mark last year and reached the second round of the playoffs. "We've got a good nucleus of kids, but the kids that'll be filling in are pretty young."

Record-setting running back Nate Black was one of seven Parkersburg Catholic starters lost to graduation, but several key returning veterans give the Crusaders cause for optimism.

Versatile senior Wes Tracewell (5-foot-11, 175 pounds) "can play just about anywhere," Tennant said. "He filled in some at quarterback last year. This year he'll play either flanker or tailback, but we're not ruling him out at quarterback yet."

The QB job is a battle between Tracewell and Ryan Jones, a 6-2, 155-pound senior.

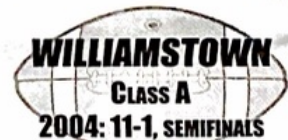
"Right now Ryan seems to have the upper hand," Tennant said. "He throws the ball well and has good command of our offense."

Also picking up the slack from Black's departure will be Garrett Lang (5-11, 160, senior), who will move from flanker to tailback.

PC will have four starting linemen back, including tight end Luke Black (6-5, 190, junior). Also back on the front line will be tackles Rob Waters (6-2, 230, junior) and John Moncman (5-11, 220, senior) and John Morehead (6-3, 240, senior), who will line up at either center or guard.

Moncman (nose tackle), Waters (tackle) and Black (end) return as defensive starters, while Tracewell, Lang and Jones were starters last year in the Crusader secondary. But there are question marks on the defense.

"We've got some good kids, but got to put them in the right positions," Tennant said. "Our (5-2) defense is predicated to linebackers making tackles, but we're probably gonna start a freshman there, so that's kinda scary." True freshman is 5-10, Tommy Brunoni.



By Doug Smock

Coach Terry Smith's Yellowjackets have been known to reload instead of rebuild, and they will have to do it again to come close to repeating last year's 11-1 record.

The Class A semifinalists lost all but four starters, all serving on both sides of the ball. One of those, however, is senior tailback/outside linebacker Tyler Lowers, who rushed for 2,054 yards.

Also back is fourth-year starter Mike Goertler (5-11, 205), a fullback and safety; senior right guard/defensive tackle Travis Buttrey (6-1, 235); and senior inside linebacker/center Ryan Lott (5-11, 210). Buttrey is the son of Parkersburg coach Bernie Buttrey; Lott was second on the team in tackles.

In addition, kicker Russell Palm returns. As a sophomore, Palm kicked 11 field goals. "He's a big-time weapon," Smith said.

Spindly Brandon Roberts, a 6-3, 158-pound junior, will start at quarterback. His targets include junior tight end Ross Elder (6-5, 210) and senior wide receiver Jordan Goode, the latter of whom missed all of last season with an injury. Both Roberts and Elder are defensive ends.

Can this group get Williamstown deep in the playoffs again?

"They haven't had a chance," Smith said. "We'll give them an opportunity to get the job done."

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A fresh beginning

New conference, new coach for Herd in '05

By Chuck Landon

New. Go to a Thesaurus and find every synonym for that word.

Then, apply all of them to Marshall University's 2005 football team.

That's the only way anyone can begin to describe just how many new facets there are to the Thundering Herd football program.

Let's count the "news."

▲ New head coach in Mark Snyder.

▲ New staff with five first-year assistant coaches.

▲ New league with the move to Conference USA.

▲ New playing surface at Edwards Stadium with the installation of FieldTurf.

▲ New defensive coordinator in Jimmy Collins.

▲ New school president in Steve Kopp.

▲ New opponents with first-time games against SMU, Alabama-Birmingham, Texas-El Paso, Tulane, Southern Miss and Memphis.

Does any other NCAA Division I-A football team have this many new features heading into the 2005 season? Probably not. Which is precisely what makes Marshall so unpredictable heading into this season. The Herd could be good, bad or fair — there is no way of predicting.

That's why Snyder isn't even trying to forecast Marshall's fortunes. Instead, he's concentrating on the one variable he does have some control over — personnel. Here is Snyder's unit-by-unit evaluation of Marshall's players:

Wide receiver

The Herd is frighteningly thin at this position. Emanuel Spann, who still is sidelined as he tries to recover from a torn anterior cruciate ligament, had 27 catches last season as a true freshman. That is more catches than the rest of the receiving corps has combined for their careers. So, what has to happen at this position?

"What has to happen at wide receiver is Wilbur Hargrove has got to step up and become our guy,"



Sophomore running back Ahmad Bradshaw (44) will be the focal point of the Herd offense.

said Snyder. "Plain and simple as that. He's got to step up and become a leader. He has stepped up in his leading, but he's got to make every play. That's got to be his role."

That is something Hargrove (5-foot-11, 180 pounds) never has done. Despite being a senior and possessing 4.27 speed in the 40, Hargrove has only four career catches.

The other outside receivers include the highly talented but untested Jermaine Filer (6-3, 200, sophomore), Matt Morris (6-3, 205, junior), Shawn Lauzon (6-6, 204, sophomore), true freshman E.J. Wynn (5-10, 165) and possibly Spann (5-11, 197).

"Jermaine Filer needs to learn one position and he's got to become very steady for us at that one position," said Snyder. "We can't put too much on his shoulders because he's young. It's hard to put

Marshall schedule

DATE	OPP	TIME
Sept. 1	William & Mary	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Kansas St.	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 24	at Central Florida*	6 p.m.
Oct. 1	SMU*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Virginia Tech	TBA
Oct. 15	UAB*	5 p.m.
Oct. 22	at UTEP*	9 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Tulane*	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	Southern Miss*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	East Carolina*	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Memphis*	2 p.m.

* denotes CUSA game

too much on a young kid. We're not going to burden him with a lot of stuff. We need him to make plays when it's time for him to go make plays. If that's a 'go' route, then he's got to go run that 'go' route and catch the ball.

"E.J. Wynn has been a nice addition. He's young, too. If I had to guess, I would say, yes, he is going to play for us as a true freshman. Shawn Lauzon has got to be a 'Steady Freddie' for us. When we get to the red zone, he's got to be a guy that we can throw the ball

up to — he and Jermaine. They have to be the two guys that go up and get after that ball.

"Emanuel Spann's status is still unknown. We don't know if we'll have him yet or not. Matt Morris needs to be a more consistent guy for us. He needs to be that guy that's a great blocker and catches every ball thrown his way."

The slot receivers, however, have more experience. Marcus Fitzgerald (5-10, 198 sophomore) caught 12 passes last season as a true freshman and Hiram Moore (6-0, 190 junior) has five career catches.

"Hiram Moore is having a good camp," said Snyder. "He's got to have a great year. He's got to be Mr. Steady. And he has some speed. Marcus Fitzgerald, I have been very impressed with. He's a 'Steady Freddie.' Him and Hiram are guys that can go to all [wide receiver] positions. They know them all, which is good."

"As an overall group, I don't think we have that pure speed guy. Wilbur and Jermaine would be

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09/23/05 H SPRING VALLEY
09/30/05 H RIPLEY
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the closest. When they get behind people, they've got to make the catch. This group is just going to have to be a steady crew with a big emphasis on blocking — downfield blocking. We put a big, big premium on that.

"The catching part of it will come, too. We've always thrown the ball well around here and it will come. But we're putting emphasis on that extra deal, which is blocking."

2004 CUSA glance

Final standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
Memphis	5-3	8-4
*UTEP	—	8-4
UAB	5-3	7-5
So. Miss.	5-3	7-5
*Marshall	—	6-6
Tulane	3-5	5-6
*Tulsa	—	4-8
Houston	3-5	3-8
*Rice	—	3-8
*SMU	—	3-8
East Carolina	2-6	2-9
*Cent. Florida	—	0-11

* First year in conference

Offensive line

MU returns Seth Cook (604, 315, junior) at right tackle. Three-year regular Toby Bullock (6-4, 341, senior) shifts from left guard to left tackle. Sophomore Doug Legursky (6-3, 308) will be the center, after getting valuable playing time last season as a true freshman. The left guard is David Zeigler (6-5, 288, sophomore). The right guard will be John Inman (6-5, 314, sophomore) after he sits out the season-opener against William & Mary due to an offseason infraction.

"I've been very impressed with Toby Bullock," said Snyder. "He's cut a lot of weight. He needs to be a dominant player this year. Seth Cook has got to come on. John Inman is suspended for the first game, but he has had a pretty good camp. We're going to have to get playing time out of Wesley Jones (6-5, 330, junior) — the juco kid. I like him. He's a big, athletic guy. He's like the guys on defense [Chris Terrell and Juan Underwood]. He doesn't know what he doesn't know yet."

"Doug Legursky has got to become a consistent player for us. He's an iron man, tough guy. He needs to be the call guy in there. David Zeigler has got to have a good year. He's OK."

"We're going to have to try to find our best five."

Tight end

Jeff Mullins (6-3, 255, senior) is the returning regular. He caught six passes for 45 yards last season. Brian Shope (6-5, 235, sophomore) will be No. 2. Shope caught three passes for 29 yards last season. Other tight ends include Matt Parkhurst (6-3, 245, redshirt freshman), Mike Nolan (6-4, 218, sophomore) and Joe Bragg (6-4, 254, redshirt freshman).

"Brian Shope [who has been injured] was having a great camp," said Snyder. "His blocking was really coming on. Jeff Mullins is a 'Steady Freddie.' He has worked on his speed. We joke all the time, you know, he has actually become a little vertical threat. He knows the offense inside and out."

"Bruce Parkhurst is starting to come on. Mike Nolan is going to be a special teams guy."

Quarterback

This might not be the most crucial position for Marshall this season, but it certainly is the most controversial. That's because everybody has an opinion on whether Jimmy Skinner (6-3, 200, junior), Bernie Morris (6-4, 206, sophomore) or junior college transfer Derek Devine (6-3, 220, junior) should be the starting quarterback. But Snyder's evaluation is the one that counts.

"So far, Bernie has been impressing me," said Snyder. "The ball has not been on the ground. He has not been throwing interceptions. He has been throwing money darts. How is he doing mentally? We don't know yet."

"I've been impressed with Derek's arm. I think he has a good arm. He's a good athlete. Jimmy has got the most experience, he knows the offense the best."

"Zach Barnard and Wesley Bear-dain [a pair of true freshmen] have a long way to go."

Running back

Everybody knows about Ahmad Bradshaw, including every Herd opponent in Conference USA. The 5-11, 190-pound sophomore sup-

plied a giddy glimpse of what's to come by rushing for 462 yards and three touchdowns on 95 carries as a true freshman last season. Bradshaw also caught 14 passes for 187 yards and two TDs. He will be the focal point of Marshall's offense.

Bradshaw's backups include Gerwin Williams (5-8, 215, redshirt freshman), Chubb Small (5-9, 197, true freshman) and Will Albin (6-3, 232, sophomore).

"Ahmad, he's good," said Snyder. "He's special. I've been impressed with Gerwin. I've been impressed with Chubb. And we've got to get something out of Will Albin."



Bradshaw

Defensive line

Marshall lost its front seven defensively, which, of course, included the entire front four. So far, the top defensive end prospects appear to be former walk-on from Beckley Shavar Greer (6-0, 230, junior), Jason Kaminski (6-3, 245, junior), Damarcus Thomas (6-1, 235, senior) and true freshmen Albert McClellan (6-3, 230) and E.J. Rascoe (6-0, 260).

"The defensive line is the pleasant surprise of camp," said Snyder. "Shavar Greer has been a big surprise. I like 'Chevy.' Kaminski has been a big surprise. He's just one of those tough, smart guys. Damarcus has gotten some playing time around here, but he's running with the two right now. And he's a senior that we thought would be starting. But he's doing good."

"Albert McClellan — the rookie — he's going to be OK. And E.J. Rascoe, another true freshman, is looking really good. He's bigger. I'd say he's about 260 pounds. I have a feeling he'll make the bus."

At the tackles, there are Adrian Davis (6-3, 288, junior), Floyd Wright (6-0, 271, senior), Byron Tinker (6-4, 270, sophomore), Blake Merritt (6-4, 265, redshirt freshman), Chris Terrell (6-6, 333, junior) and Juan Underwood (6-3, 300, junior).

"Adrian Davis was doing really well [before pulling a hamstring]," said Snyder. "Blake Merritt is coming. Chris Terrell — he's going to

be the big body I've been scared we weren't going to have. We just have to get him in shape. Juan Underwood is another big body I didn't think we were going to have. We've got to get him into shape."

Linebackers

This corps also is new, but does have experience in Matt Couch (6-2, 230, junior), Donte Newsome (5-11, 205, senior), Dennis Thornton (5-11, 210, senior) and Scott Wilks (6-2, 190, senior). Newcomers to watch include Ian Hoskins (6-2, 235, redshirt freshman) and junior college transfer Brandon Souder (6-2, 230, junior).

"Matt Couch, Ian Hoskins, Donte Newsome, Brandon Souder, Scott Wilks and Dennis Thornton have got to be our guys," said Snyder. "I like Donte. I like Dennis because he has speed. Matt is your 'Steady Freddie' guy. Ian is your tough, big, strong guy. Scottie is smart as can be and tough. Souder is a big body at that 'Mike' position."

"So, again at linebacker we're going to be able to play Couch, Hoskins and I'm still betting on Newsome, but we'll see, versus the running teams. We'll have the big boys in there. Then, we're going to be able to go to Thornton and Newsome — the speed guys — against the passing teams."

Secondary

This unit is the undisputed strength of Marshall's entire team. It has Willie Smith (6-0, 197, senior) returning for his third straight

season at cornerback. Joining Smith will be University of North Carolina transfer Chris Hawkins (5-10, 184, senior). The free safety is Chris Royal (5-9, 185, senior), who was second in the nation last season in interceptions with six. The strong safety is hard-hitting Curtis Keyes (6-0, 191, junior), who led MU in tackles last season with 108 (58 solo) and was named pre-season All-American.

"I feel really good about our secondary," said Snyder. "Curtis is Curtis. I like him. Chris Royal is Chris Royal. He's got to become consistent, because he gambles a little bit sometimes. And we have to find another one out of that safety group."

"I'm real impressed with Chris Hawkins. He has some great cover skills and he's not a coward. He will hit you. He will try to hit you. And Willie Smith has great size and cover skills."

Special teams

Place-kicker and punter Ian O'Connor (6-2, 205, junior) is again the favorite to handle all the kicking chores. Last season, O'Connor made 14-of-19 field goal attempts with a long of 52 yards and punted for a 40.4-yard average. His backups include freshman place-kicker David DeFatta and redshirt freshman punter Marty Biagi.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: KANAWHA COUNTY

Clark a key to Riverside's success

By Tom Alulse

With experienced senior quarterback Josh Clark directing the offense, Riverside has the potential to put up plenty of points in 2005.

Veteran coach Dick Whitman just hopes his defense can prevent Riverside's opponents from doing the same.

"We only have a few kids back on the defensive side of the ball, and that's a concern," said Whitman, beginning his seventh season at the school. "But we'll try to play aggressive defense and make things happen with that."



"Hopefully we can get our defense to where it's good and solid. Right now we're a little better offensively than we are defensively. Defense is the big question mark. I think that will determine how good we are when it's all said and done."

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound Clark likely will have something to do with the Warriors' success.

Clark helped lead Riverside to the 2004 Class AAA semifinals, where it lost to eventual state champ Morgantown, finishing the season 8-5.

He completed 98-of-203 passes for 1,613 yards and 22 touchdowns while rushing for 669 yards on 170 carries. Clark was the Warriors' leading rusher.

"He's a good runner," Whitman said of Clark. "He's a pretty hard-nosed kid. He's not afraid to take



Senior quarterback Josh Clark helped lead the Warriors into the Class AAA semifinals in 2004.

a lick. He's got that kind of personality. He wants to play on the defensive side of the football. A lot of quarterbacks don't like to do that."

Clark also has the potential to be a team leader, Whitman said.

"Of course, with the 13 games of experience last year, he's got good leadership ability. He came into his own in that aspect halfway through last season."

Three starters return on the line in front of Clark: center Seth Cook, 6-1, 275, senior; guard Odie Olish, 6-0, 235, senior; and tackle Matt

Rowsey, 6-0, 260, senior.

Also back are running backs Chad McClure, 5-8, 165, junior; and Matt Humphreys, 6-1, 180, senior, who both played a lot last year.

Possible contributors on the offensive line are Eric Wentz, 6-0, 190, junior; Justin Crews, 6-1, 270, junior; Cody Horan, 5-11, 215, senior; and Julius Holbrook, 6-1, 255, sophomore.

Seth Hoblitzel, 6-0, 190, senior, and Billy Ivey, 6-6, 175, junior, are working at tight end.

Other receivers in the mix are: Jonathan Foster, 6-0, 150, senior; Andre Watkins, 5-8, 150, junior; Adam Wentz, 5-8, 150, senior;

Chris Crabtree, 6-0, 165, sophomore; B.J. Johnson, 6-2, 175, senior; Steven Ransbottom, 5-8, 150, senior; and Brad Estep, 6-0, 155, junior.

David Russell and A.D. Hale, Riverside's top two receivers from last year, have graduated.

Rowsey at tackle, Humphreys at linebacker and Dustin Williams, 5-10, 210, senior, are the only three starters back on defense.

Others battling for playing time are linemen Cook, Holbrook, Horan and Crews; linebackers Ivey, Seth Hoblitzel, Estep, Williams, Ol-

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Final 2004 standings

Mountain State Athletic Conf.				
Pos-School	Conf	All	Rate	
1. Parkersburg	6-2	8-2	13.7	
2. Capital	8-2	8-2	13.1	
3. Huntington	7-2	8-2	12.5	
4. Nitro	7-2	8-2	12.1	
5. Riverside	6-3	6-4	9.6	
6. G. Washington	6-4	6-4	9.0	
7. Cabell Midland	5-4	5-5	7.3	
7. Spring Valley	4-5	5-5	7.3	
7. Hurricane	4-5	5-5	7.3	
10. South Charleston	4-6	4-6	—	
11. *Princeton	2-2	2-8	—	
11. *Woodrow Wilson	1-3	2-8	—	
13. St. Albans	1-8	2-8	—	
14. *Greenbrier East	0-4	2-8	—	
15. Ripley	0-8	0-10	—	

x-NOTE: Clinched league championship. MSAC champion determined by SSAC rating points system. Princeton, Greenbrier East and Woodrow Wilson ineligible for league title until 2005.

Cardinal		
Pos-School	Conf	All
1. x-Wayne	5-0	10-0
2. Point Pleasant	3-1	5-5
3. Winfield	3-2	6-4
4. Herbert Hoover	2-2	4-6
5. Sissonville	1-4	3-7
6. Pocahontas	0-6	2-8

x-NOTE: Clinched league championship

Other schools	
Ravenswood (AA)	9-1
Sherman (AA)	8-2
Buffalo (A)	8-2
Wahama (A)	8-2
Clay County (AA)	7-3
Scott (AA)	6-4
Valley (A)	5-5
Chapmanville (AA)	2-8

HERBERT HOOVER
CLASS AA
2004: 4-6Schedule,
experience
favor Hoover

By Tom Alulse

Herbert Hoover has most of its starters back on both sides of the football and a schedule more conducive to success on the Class AA level.

Class AAA schools St. Albans, Huntington and Nitro are off this year's Husky slate and sixth-year Hoover coach Steve Stoffel Sr. has reason to believe his team can improve on last year's 4-6 record.

Nine starters return on offense, including talented running back D.J. Taylor, a 5-foot-9, 160-pound junior.

Taylor, a speedy, shifty runner, bounced back from an injury-short

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HOOVER

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ened freshman season to rush for a Cardinal Conference-best 1,008 yards on 161 carries last year. Taylor scored a league-high 15 touchdowns.

"He's got to have a banner year for us to be successful," said Stoffel, who's 26-27 at the Hoover helm.

"He's quick and has a great nose for making cuts. That's what makes him so dangerous. He sees the field really well."

Also returning for the Huskies is quarterback James White, a 5-11, 180-pound junior, who passed for 840 yards a season ago, completing 45 of his 86 attempts with 10 interceptions. White connected for eight TD passes.

Stoffel said his QB improved over the summer.

"He came into camp in good shape and seems to know more," Stoffel said. "He's a real smart kid and understands the offense."

"He's improved his speed. He looks better out there on his feet. I think we may be able to run the option a little more with him this year."

Blocking for White and Taylor will be an experienced offensive line. Returning starters are center Jim Bob Anderson, 6-1, 225, sophomore; guard Jonathan Shaffer, 6-0, 180, junior; tackle Buddy Kessel, 6-3, 215, junior; and tackle Carvel Vance, 6-1, 175, senior.

Senior receivers returning are Wes Hanson, 5-8, 140; Austin Harper, 5-10, 155; and Lucas Burdette 5-9, 150.

Patrick Aliff, a 6-1, 190-pound freshman, will likely be the Huskies' tight end and junior Shane Bailey,

5-8, 170, and sophomore Deriek Barnett, 5-11, 200, will get work at fullback.

Like its offense, Hoover gets nine starters back on defense, including a quartet of linebackers that Stoffel feels could be among the best at the school in a quite some time.

"We think we'll be really aggressive if our four linebackers stay healthy," Stoffel said. "We think we could have four of the best linebackers we've had here in a long time. That's the key to our defense."

Shaffer, Kessel and seniors Josh Meadows, 6-0, 160, and Andy Morrison, 5-9, 165, make up Hoover's linebacker crew.

Up front, junior Josh Evans, 6-3, 300, and senior Danny Jo Wagoner, 6-0, 265, return at the tackle spots, while 6-2, 175-pound junior Brad Debruyne is back at end.

Harper and Hanson return in the secondary, where senior Matt Fisher, 5-10, 160, and junior Josh Morris, 5-10, 155, also will get playing time. Stoffel also might use Taylor as a defensive back.

Others who could contribute on defense include ends Aaron Beighle, 6-2, 200, junior, and Evan James, 6-1, 215, sophomore; linebackers Chris Smith, 5-3, 135, junior, and Derek Williams, 5-6, 145, sophomore; and lineman Justin Spencer, 6-4, 240, senior.

One void Stoffel will have to fill is in the Huskies' kicking department. Alex Amick, who booted three field goals last season — he also led Hoover with 15 receptions for 251 yards — is now kicking at Glenville State.

"We've got to improve on special teams," Stoffel said. "Right now we're looking for kickers and punters."

"We ought to be OK offensively and defensively."

2004 MSAC, Cardinal Conference stats

MOUNTAIN ST. ATHLETIC CONF.

Rushing					
Player, School	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
Josh Culbertson, Nitro	292	2071	7.1	29	
Clay Maddox, SV	188	1141	6.1	11	
John Saunders, Mid.	184	1093	5.9	14	
Joe Lamanca, Hurr.	171	1057	6.2	18	
Tommy Spurlock, SC	142	1014	7.1	9	
Daniel Barnes, GW	159	916	5.8	6	
Joey Lindamood, Park.	108	704	6.5	11	
James Stokes, Cap.	134	698	5.2	11	
William Gardner, Prin.	119	688	5.8	2	
Jeremy James, SA	108	570	5.3	4	
Adison Ealey, River.	75	567	7.6	3	
Josh Clark, River.	123	524	4.3	5	
Gordy Newsome, Hunt.	56	499	8.9	5	
Ronnie Smith, Hunt.	98	491	5.0	11	
Maurice Guy, Cap.	116	490	4.2	0	
Jimmie Stewart, SV	85	489	5.8	4	
Tyrone Lang, S. Chas.	92	472	5.1	9	
John Hardison, GW	130	462	3.6	6	
Andrew Eggleston, SA	124	450	3.6	5	
Justin Phillips, SV	84	407	4.9	5	

Passing					
Player, School	Comp-Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
Chance Litton, Park.	103-174	1519	19	2	
Mike Williams, Nitro	91-158	1364	10	5	
Chris Hunt, S. Chas.	85-149	1357	14	9	
Josh Clark, River.	75-151	1216	16	11	
Geoff Romeo, Cap.	71-177	1204	11	16	
Heath Thomas, Hunt.	69-121	1164	9	9	
Justin Lunsford, Mid.	79-174	1122	8	5	
Tyler White, Hurr.	75-145	1064	6	12	
Ricky Phillips, Hunt.	49-85	878	8	11	
Joey McClung, GW	46-119	861	8	11	
Tim Hayhurst, Ripley	53-126	658	6	7	
Chris Belcher, Prince.	48-111	585	6	10	
Andrew Eggleston, SA	27-52	446	4	3	
Ian McCulloch, WW	35-71	380	5	6	
Josh Mathews, SV	16-46	280	3	7	

Receiving					
Player, School	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	
Chris Fulmer, Nitro	58	929	16.0	7	
Marquis Martin, Hun.	42	782	18.6	8	
Scott Ransom, Hurr.	43	698	16.2	5	
Connor Loudon, Park.	33	642	19.5	8	
Tay Edwards, Hunt.	18	521	28.9	4	
Cody Clay, S. Chas.	22	471	21.4	5	

David Russell, River.	29	461	15.9	5
A.D. Hale, Riverside	17	416	24.5	6
Chase Koffler, GW	22	350	15.9	5
Gordy Newsome, Hunt.	23	349	15.2	1
Tommy Spurlock, SC	20	334	16.7	4
Luke Parsons, Ripley	21	326	15.5	4
Camron Woods, Cap.	13	315	24.2	2
Gideon Casto, Nitro	16	314	19.6	1
Deron Keaton, Mid.	20	262	13.1	2
Tawon Wallace, GW	12	256	21.3	4
Shane Hall, S. Chas.	14	251	17.9	2
Zach DiTrapano, Cap.	17	244	14.4	2
Jon Culbertson, Nitro	24	239	10.0	1
Selden Edwards, Mid.	16	236	14.8	2
Kevin Whitley, Hurr.	21	228	10.9	0
Bryant Shepherd, Cap.	12	226	18.8	2

CARDINAL CONFERENCE

Rushing					
Player, School	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
D.J. Taylor, Hoover	161	1008	6.3	11	
Jarrod Anderson, Win.	156	855	5.5	8	
Nathan Moore, PP	152	824	5.4	7	
Newton Mattox, PP	148	745	5.0	5	
Nathan Patton, Poca	65	664	10.2	6	
Stephen Currie, Hoov.	126	589	4.7	6	
Chris Powers, Wayne	72	564	7.8	8	
Josh Boggess, Siss.	103	553	5.4	2	
Garry Roland, Wayne	60	509	8.5	2	
Bryce Smithson, Siss.	107	484	4.5	2	
Jason Sanders, Wayne	53	455	8.6	5	
Fletcher Kinder, Poca	88	440	5.0	1	
Brett Pauley, Winfield	72	428	5.9	4	
Jacob Gilliam, Wayne	49	424	8.7	3	
Daniel Runyon, Wayne	82	416	5.1	6	

Passing					
Player, School	Comp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	
T.L. Asbury, Win.	73-147	1122	8	13	
James White, Hoover	45-86	840	8	10	
Myles Hanson, Siss.	57-121	838	5	8	
Jack Shamblin, Poca	61-131	838	4	6	
Nick Newell, Wayne	46-103	829	12	8	
James Casto, Point	17-48	212	1	3	

Receiving					
Player, School	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	
J.R. Hill, Poca	25	444	17.8	2	
Kenner Lowe, Siss.	19	364	19.2	0	
Jacob Gilliam, Wayne	12	345	28.8	5	

Wayne Pritt, Win.	29	323	11.1	3
Greg Coleman, Win.	15	322	21.5	1
Alex Amick, Hoover	15	251	16.7	1
Josh Phelps, Win.	11	222	20.2	2
A. Whittington, Poca	11	208	18.9	3

OTHER SCHOOLS

Rushing					
Player, School	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
Jeshua Branch, Wah.	160	1308	8.2	16	
Vinny Mendez, Chap.	215	1254	5.8	11	
McCoy-Samples, Clay	171	1246	7.3	14	
Dustin Briscoe, Buff.	116	1018	8.8	16	
B.T. Roberts, Scott	167	925	5.5	5	
Johnny Barton, Wah.	123	846	6.9	9	
B. Breadway, Sherrn.	123	750	6.1	10	
A. Schindler, Ravens.	98	746	7.6	11	
Daunte Cooperland, Vall.	127	734	5.8	8	
Zeke Milam, Sherman	112	679	6.1	8	
Travis Olli, Buffalo	50	662	13.2	11	
Mike Kearns, Clay	100	615	6.2	2	
Justin Hafer, Ravens.	108	586	5.4	5	
Shawn Hutchinson, Vall.	130	549	4.2	6	
Tim Chapman, Scott	105	545	5.2	4	
Corey Asbury, Sherrn.	124	534	4.3	8	
Nick Mullins, Scott	69	512	7.4	5	
Kyle Chapman, Buff.	54	413	7.7	5	

Passing					
Player, School	Comp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	
Joey Tolley, Buff.	60-105	1008	15	6	
Chad Zerke, Wah.	55-112	938	10	3	
Corey Asbury, Sher.	59-125	856	9	3	
Jake Gump, Rav.	44-110	800	8	7	
Lonnie Berry, Chap.	68-134	780	5	9	
Nick Mullins, Scott	46-121	718	6	13	
Craig Kinder, Valley	54-121	712	3	4	
Jeremy Samples, Clay	43-94	524	5	9	

Receiving					
Player, School	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	
Justin Lutsy, Sherrn.	25	442	17.7	5	
Nathan Hescht, Buff.	24	424	17.7	9	
Dante Perry, Valley	30	393	13.1	2	
David Robinson, Buff.	20	301	15.1	4	
B. Woodruff, Scott	26	296	11.4	1	
Roman Ward, Wah.	19	261	13.7	2	
Junior Johnson, Chap.	17	236	13.9	3	
Johnny Barton, Wah.	9	233	25.9	2	
Brant Davis, Wahama	11	214	19.5	1	

RIVERSIDE

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ish, Eric Wentz and Daniel Burke (5-9, 170, senior); and defensive backs Clark, McClure, Nick Veazey (5-9, 160, junior), Johnson, Ransbottom, Adam Wentz and Watkins.

Whitman, who's 57-19 at Riverside, is excited about sophomore kicker Chase Upton.

"He may have the potential to be one of the better kickers we've had here," Whitman said.

"He made a 40-yard field goal in practice the other day. We haven't seen a 40-yard field goal on our side in a long time. We've seen everybody else making them."

Riverside has played in a Class AAA final — losing to Parkersburg in 1999 — as well as in two of the past three AAA semifinals, falling to Morgantown in each.

Getting back to those levels won't be easy this year.

"I think we'll be competitive in all our games," Whitman said.

"We won't be the type of team

that's going to blow people away. The key to us is we've got to improve every week. If we do, then we'll have a chance in about all of our games."



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: KANAWHA COUNTY

Capital bidding for third straight playoff appearance

By Rich Stevens

Maybe, just maybe, Capital is back on the road to dominance.

Or, was last year merely an aberration?

Fifth-year coach Jack Woolwine has no opinion on the matter. He is the true-to-form, take-it-day-by-day kind of coach.

CAPITAL
CLASS AAA

2004: 9-3, QUARTERFINALS

Once dominant among West Virginia Class AAA schools, the Cougars seemed to be taking this decade off. They had won no more than six games until last year's 9-3 season, ending a string of four consecutive seasons of six victories or less.

This is the same school that fielded a playoff team nine of its first 10 years in existence, won two state championships and at least 11 games five times. During the 1990s, Capital was 102-25, but is only 26-27 since 2000.

Finally, after a four-year absence, the Cougars have a playoff streak

"I don't see why we won't be able to throw the ball, but you have to be able to control the line of scrimmage and run the football."

Capital coach Jack Woolwine

of two consecutive seasons going again. Capital eked into the post-season with a 5-5 mark in 2003.

"It's so difficult to tell, because you don't know how good you're going to be," Woolwine said. "I think we'll be competitive."

"If you start playing and win a couple, then you think you're going to be a pretty good football team. If you lose, then you have to fight through it."

Capital will put much on the shoulders of its defense again. With the loss of Geoff Romeo to eligibility, there will be a young quarterback under center. It will be either last year's freshman QB Jack Harless or a pair of QBs who split time on the junior varsity and received some varsity time — sophomore Malik Witten and junior Mike Harris.

"I think any of those guys throw the ball pretty good," Woolwine said. "I don't see why we won't be able to throw the ball, but you have

to be able to control the line of scrimmage and run the football."

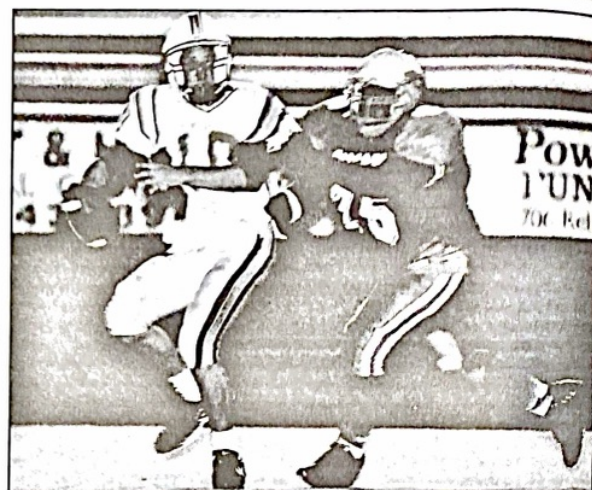
Both lines are expected to be anchored by returning guard Jordan Lawson. The 6-foot, 348-pound second-team all-stater will be spelled on the offensive line, as well as the defensive line on occasion.

Others spending time playing on the offensive front will be returning starter Zach English (6-1, 238), along with DeMetrius Thompson, Nick Tucker — who is also the long snapper on punts — Vince Britton, Josh Workman, Josh Smith, Justin Frame and massive Roger Beane (6-6, 331).

"Workman and Thompson, those kids are pretty athletic and move pretty well," Woolwine said. "We have a combination of some big kids and kids who move pretty well."

Ryan Seacrest returns at tight end, while others will seek playing time with seniors Bryan Fink and David Relaford.

Running behind the Capital line is returning tailback Maurice Guy.



Jordan Lawson (right), a 6-foot, 348-pound senior, is expected to anchor Capital's offensive and defensive lines.

He gained 557 yards last season, averaging 4.2 yards per carry. Jerry Harris also returns after getting 23 carries as a junior. He could alternate between tailback and fullback.

Junior Keith Parker will play fullback, as well as defensive back, while senior Brandon Rush, a 5-11, 230-pounder, will share time at fullback also.

Other runners in the Capital backfield are juniors Calvin Medley and Eric Morrison.

The wide receiving corps will be without Zach DiTrapano, who transferred to George Washington. Also, the other three top receivers

— Camron Woods, Bryant Shepherd and James Stokes — have all graduated.

Trying to replace those 55 catches and 982 yards will be on the shoulders of sophomore Jermere Hall and junior Kevin Streets, who are also battling for time at free safety. Senior Ryan Toler, who played a lot at quarterback as a sophomore but didn't play football last year, will be one of the wide receivers. Junior Jay Rossignol, younger brother of hard-hitting graduate Drew Rossignol, will also

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Youthful Sissonville seeking leadership

By Tom Aluise

Todd Chevalier made his mark as the defensive coordinator for South Charleston High School's 1994 Class AAA state championship team.

Beginning his second season as the head coach at Sissonville, Chevalier had better brush up on his teaching skills.

The Indians, coming off a 3-7 season, return only three starters on defense and have but five seniors on the entire team.

"The big question mark is how well will our defense play," Chevalier said.

lier said. "Last year, they played well most of the time. This year, they're really young."

"We have five seniors. But we have 24 sophomores. A bunch of sophomores will play."

The Indian defense held five of its opponents under 14 points last season.

Sissonville's returners on defense are senior lineman Nathan Walker (5-foot-10, 260 pounds), senior linebacker Chad Hammack (5-10, 170) and junior linebacker Ritchie Casto (5-10, 185).

Others vying for playing time on defense are linemen Derek

SISSONVILLE
CLASS AA
2004: 3-7

Conrad (6-1, 305, junior), Mike Sisson (6-3, 225, senior), Ronnie Walls (5-10, 225, sophomore), Eric Myers (6-3, 264, sophomore), Nathan Brill (5-10, 180, sophomore) and Garrett Facemyer (5-8, 210, junior); linebackers Jonsen Edens (5-10, 185, sophomore), Raymond Casto (5-10, 200, sophomore), Myles Henson (6-1, 215, junior), James Pennington (6-0, 170, junior) and Will Black (5-10, 180, sophomore); and defensive backs Timmy DeBarr (5-9, 140, junior), Zach Estep (6-0, 155, sophomore), Chris Boggess (5-8, 170, senior); Josh Shamblin (5-10, 160, junior), Rudi Burdette (5-5, 160, senior) and Shane Burdette (5-9, 160, sophomore).

Putting together a solid offense won't require as much rebuilding. For starters, Henson returns as

the starting quarterback. He completed 57-of-121 passes for 838 yards and five touchdowns last year with eight interceptions.

Boggess is back at tailback after rushing for 553 yards on 103 carries with two TDs.

Other starters back on offense are Walker and Facemyer on the line, Myers at end and Shamblin at receiver.

Chevalier is looking for help for Boggess in the backfield from Edens, Raymond Casto, Ritchie Casto and Raymond Boggess, 5-10, 150-pound freshman.

Other linemen who could play on offense are Walls, Craig Smith (6-2, 240, sophomore), Conrad, Chris Landers (6-0, 215, sophomore) and Brill.

In the mix at receiver are DeBarr, Estep, Shane Burdette and Blake Cunningham (5-8, 125, freshman).

Chevalier said Black is getting some looks at quarterback.

"We're desperately looking for some leadership," Chevalier said.

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Dynamic duo leads Nitro's high-octane offense

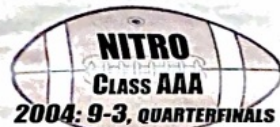
Fulmer, Culbertson poised for assault on record books

By Jack Bogaczky

After cardiac and blood-flow problems that left him hospitalized for two weeks last autumn, Nitro coach Scott Tinsley lost 60 pounds.

He's gained 24 of those back as he heads into his fourth season as the Wildcats' coach, but where Nitro needs an advance in avoirdupois is in the offensive line.

"We have such an abundance of skill guys who have had a lot of success that I'm not worried about what we'll do if we can do what we want," Tinsley said. "What we need is to be able to do those things."



Nitro, seeking a third consecutive Class AAA playoff berth, has a pair of seniors with state-record-setting potential in receiver Chris Fulmer and running back Josh Culbertson. Those two, combined with the Wildcats' no-huddle, hurry-up attack, allowed the team to go 9-3 last season despite injury woes.

However, 295-pound junior Chad Snodgrass, at strong-side guard, is the lone returnee from the Wildcat 2004 offensive line. If Culbertson is going to have running room and developing quarterback Michael Scott is to have time to throw to Fulmer, Tinsley will need some meaty movement up front.

Tinsley liked the rapid rise in early practices by 205-pound sophomore Brandon King, who will play the strong-side tackle. Junior Tyler Rader, a 6-foot-3, 240-pounder, seems set at center.



Nitro senior wideout Chris Fulmer is considered the state's top pass catcher.

Still, Tinsley isn't quite sure what he will have until he sees it under game conditions — and Friday night's opening visit to Musselman begins a season in which the Wildcats play five of their first seven dates on the road.

Scott, who got his feet wet as a freshman QB last season, may be primed for a big year, thanks in part to the veteran presence of Fulmer and Culbertson. "People won't believe how much [Scott] has improved from last year," Fulmer said.

The 6-0, 180-pound senior receiver, regarded as the state's top college prospect by Rivals.com, enters 2005 with 244 career receptions for 3,507 yards and 29 touchdowns.

He needs 56 catches to break the state career record of 299, set by

former Nitro star Chris Martin (1995-98) when J.R. House was pitching for the 'Cats. The national record is in reach, too. Abram Booty had 302 during his 1993-96 career at Evangel Christian in Louisiana.

Fulmer had 66 receptions in 2004, but that was a down year for him (as Nitro starting quarterback Mike Williams was injured) after 99 catches as a 2003 sophomore.

Culbertson, with 4,250 rushing yards after he carried the Wildcats to the second round of the playoffs last season, needs 1,912 to break the state record of 6,161, piled up by Weir's Quincy Wilson (1995-98)

before he headed to stardom at West Virginia University.

Culbertson had 2,603 on a tiring 353 carries in 12 games last season.

"We need more balance offensively," said Tinsley, who may be the only coach in the state who has two legitimate candidates for the Kennedy Award, which goes to the state's top player. "We had that last year until Mike Williams got hurt. Then we were about 90-10 run. We had to be."

"We can't accomplish what we want unless we can get the balance to about 60-40, one way or the other."



Wildcat running back Josh Culbertson needs 1,912 yards to become the state's all-time leading rusher.

In Jordan Rusin (5-11, 180), who has moved from corner to free safety, Tinsley said he has "as good a defensive back as there is in the state, in my opinion." Rusin will be the wideout opposite Fulmer, too.

Culbertson's twin, a 5-9, 180-pounder, isn't as big as his brother, but he's a solid outside linebacker who "has more heart than anybody on this team," his rushing brother said. Jon Culbertson and Gideon Casto (also a middle linebacker) are the slot receivers in Nitro's four-wide set.

Tinsley, 22-11 in three Nitro seasons, also has two "different" corners in 5-9, 160-pound junior Chris Kilpatrick, and 6-3, 215-pound junior Jamie Hamrick, who transferred in with his twin, Hunter, from Herbert Hoover High last fall.

Hunter Hamrick, a linebacker and lineman, hasn't practiced this month and remains sidelined as he recovers from a torn quadriceps.

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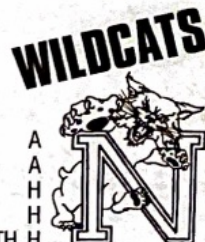
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South Charleston senior tailback Tommy Spurlock rushed for 1,014 yards and caught 20 passes for 334 yards in 2004.

SC's Spurlock wants to win

By Rich Stevens

South Charleston senior tailback Tommy Spurlock wants the ball. However, as a four-year starter — he started at wide receiver as a freshman — he wants victories even more.

"I would love to get the ball 25 times a game," said Spurlock, who earned second-team all-state honors last year. "But, whatever it takes to win is what I'm all about. This is the best team we've had since I've been in high school to put us in the position to win."

The usually athletic Black Eagles may be more so this year than in any of the five years that Vernon Redman has been head coach.

The tricky part is translating athleticism on the field into wins. That's been hard in the past.

South Charleston is only 6-34 in its last 40 games, but four of those victories came during a 2004 campaign when Spurlock carried the ball a team-high 142 times for a team-best 1,014 yards and averaged 7.1 yards per carry. He also caught 20 passes for 334 yards.

Fortunately for the Eagles, he won't have to carry that much load again this season.

They have several starters back, including sophomores Dominique Green, Deion Spurlock, juniors Brandon Rinehart and seniors Tommy Spurlock, Shane Hall, Marcus Jefferson, Derek Hartman, Chad



Clay, Andrew Ford, Jeremy Booker and Tyrone Lang. Those weren't all full-time starters last year, however. Some started sparingly, but all bring game experience to the mix.

Lang burst onto the scene last year, averaging more than 5 yards on 92 carries. Quite a load at 6-foot-2, 285 pounds, Lang is expected to get more carries.

He's an anomaly on the South Charleston roster — a star player who weighs more than 250 pounds.

The Black Eagles, for all their athleticism, don't boast much size or experience, making the development of the offensive line a crucial element to preseason practice. In fact, only two players weigh more than 300 pounds and neither is expected to play much.

Redman is working with 12 different players up front. Just look at a name on the roster with a uniform number over 50 and he's probably being looked at for the front wall.

The only senior in the brand new group tackle to tackle is Zac Fisher. Otherwise, Redman is faced with freshmen and juniors vying for positions.

"We just have to keep our guys thinking positively," Spurlock said. "And, if they don't do something right, we just have to pat them on the butt because they're going to be pretty good, but we have to bring them up the right way."

Will the Eagles be able to run up the gut against teams? Redman says only time will tell if he can pull a couple of gems out of the young linemen.

For now, he'll rely on the speed and quickness many others on the roster provide.

The fastest, according to Redman, is Hall, a senior who was second on the team in yards per catch (17.6) last year. He also boasts Green, a 6-3 sophomore man-child. As a freshman, Green — dubbed as the player with the best hands on the team — averaged more than 16 yards per catch. Collins is the backup quarterback and wide receiver and led the team in interceptions (6) from his defensive backfield position and Deion Spurlock — Tommy's cousin — returned kicks mostly as a freshman.

The most important player, however, may not be Tommy Spurlock. That title likely belongs to quarterback Shad Coleman (pronounced Shawd).

Coleman began the 2004 season as the starting quarterback, but was replaced by Chris Hunt after three games.

Coleman said he didn't feel he should have lost his job, but that also inspired him to work harder in the offseason. The 5-10, 190-pounder has spent more time in the weight room and has improved his ability to make the deep throws necessary in South Charleston's offense.

"We have so much speed, so why not throw deep?" Coleman said. "We have guys running 4.6 40s, so we'll get greedy sometimes."

Among the players to watch defensively is middle linebacker Aaron Slusher. Just a freshman, Slusher may not be ready as a regular, but "he's a keeper."

Redman hopes his team also gets greedy in the win column starting Friday at Crawford Field against St. Albans.

The Eagles won last year's meeting 46-20, but lost their next three games and their final two regular-season games to George Washington and Riverside by a combined nine points.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: KANAWHA COUNTY

Athletic GW features blend of youth, experience

By Rich Stevens

George Washington football Coach Steve Edwards Jr. is happy to announce one of the most athletic teams he's had in his 10 years as head coach of the Patriots.

When GW opens the season at Stadium Field against Parkersburg Friday, Edwards will see a lot of weapons — only this time they'll be on his side of the field.

"It's strange. There's not a lot of yelling and screaming out there from us. There's no belly-aching, yet. I don't want to jinx anybody, but we're having a good camp. We don't have kids who are loafing. I'm not having to be the cheerleader all the time."

GW coach Steve Edwards Jr.

"I think we're as athletic as we've ever been," said Edwards, who is 53-44 in nine years as head coach at his alma mater. "I have a nice mix of old athletes and young athletes."

Among the old is senior tailback Daniel Barnes. One of the team's fastest players, Barnes has added a sense of urgency to go with his outside speed. He led the team in rushing yards last season with 916.

Edwards said Barnes could be the link to GW's continued success, but so could several other players.

Chase Keffer, who led the Patriots in receiving last year with 22 catches for 350 yards and five

touchdowns, will carry the ball as well as catch it. The same is true for Ty Litton and Capital transfer Ron Hall. Tawon Wallace returns as one of the GW wide receivers after averaging more than 21 yards on 12 receptions and four touchdowns.

Hall spent much of the time returning punts and kickoffs for the Cougars, but did lead Capital in interceptions with six. He'll man one of the defensive back spots for GW.

Another transfer from Capital, Zach DiTrapano, adds another receiving element. He had 16 catches for 192 yards and a pair of scores during the Cougars' playoff season of 2004.

Sophomore Zack Rosencrance, the only regular freshman on last year's varsity squad, will be involved along with Dustin Mullins



and Cory Starcher.

"We'd like to find a way to get all these guys the ball, but we're not trying to put too much pressure on ourselves," Edwards said. "What we have to do is make them accept their roles. As long as we get wins and are being successful, everybody will get their shot. It's tough keeping guys happy, but I don't think I have anybody out there that's selfish."

Edwards was especially excited about the addition of Hall,

who "will do anything we ask of him."

If the offense comes down to turning around and handing the ball off, Edwards figures he could find almost anybody to do that. But, that won't pay the bills, as he says.

The Patriots will throw the ball with the arm of junior Jason Smith. Smith waited his turn at quarterback, being in the system since his freshman year. Now that Joey McClung is graduated, he'll step in as the starter. Drew Kinder backs him up.

"We could throw the ball more," Edwards said.

"We've thrown the ball 20 times a game before. GW was throwing the ball before anybody was throwing the ball, but we don't go in saying we want to throw, we go in with a game plan and take what is given us."

Up front, the Patriots will have St. Albans transfer Josh Snyder, Ben Rose — younger brother of former GW all-stater Hampton Rose — Andrew Crow, Andrew Silber-nagel and John Bsharah.

"We seem a little inexperienced at times, but we'll be pretty solid," Edwards said.

"We're looking at six or seven guys and a few more who haven't found their potential yet."

That's also true on defense, where the Patriots must replace all-state linebacker John Hardison, along with linebacker Chap Hayes and defensive end Ben Adkins, among others.

"We've worked more on defense at this time of camp than we have in the last two camps," Edwards said. "We have some holes to fill."

The step in the right direction, however, Edwards says is attitude.

Or "Pattitude," as it reads on several of the practice jerseys.

"It's strange," Edwards said. "There's not a lot of yelling and screaming out there from us. There's no belly-aching, yet. I don't want to jinx anybody, but we're having a good camp. We don't have kids who are loafing. I'm not having to be the cheerleader all the time."



George Washington senior tailback Daniel Barnes (right) rushed for a team-leading 916 yards last season.

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"And we're looking for some underclassmen to do it."

Last year, the Indians started the season with an eye-opening 12-0 victory over Class AA's three-time defending champ, Poca. They were in most of their games but couldn't muster enough offense.

"I think we laid a great foundation last year and we're building on it," said Chevalier, who has a roster of 48 players. "One of the things we wanted to do was improve our work ethic, and several kids put on a lot of muscle mass."

Chevalier used Black as an example. The aspiring QB put on

enough muscle in the weight room to jump from 140 to 180 pounds.

Especially pleasing to Chevalier was his team's devotion to the weights this winter under trying circumstances. Before the school's new field house was completed, Sissonville's players had to drive off campus to a makeshift weight room in a vacant building.

"I tell the kids there are maybe two teams on the schedule that are ahead of us right now," Chevalier said. "But there are at least eight on there we can compete with."

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be in line to catch some passes.

Juniors Wes Andrews, Corri Bennett and Steve Bumpus will be counted upon to play some receiver.

Capital's defense carried a lot of the load in 2004 with defensive lineman James Burkes. However, Lawson returns to man the middle and Woolwine is comfortable building a defense around him.

Britton, a sophomore, will play, as will Smith and Thompson, who is athletic enough to be a defensive end or linebacker.

Woolwine has two soccer players vying for the place-kicking and

punting responsibilities in freshman Brad Deitzler and sophomore Tyler Steets.

Woolwine says he lost a lot of regulars last year, but may have finally put together a system to continue the success of the last two seasons. A third consecutive playoff appearance isn't out of the realm of possibility.

"In this conference, one year you could have an outstanding year and the next year you could have a better team and everybody else improves and you don't have as good a record," Woolwine said. "I don't have any doubt we'll be competitive, but we're like everybody else. We're 0-0 and wanting to get to Wheeling."

"We'll just build on what happens."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: PUTNAM COUNTY

Playmakers could be the difference for Hurricane

By Rick Ryan

In some respects, Hurricane could be hurting — that's what happens when you lose 24 seniors, then start your season with six straight playoff teams from last year.

But in other respects, the Redskins could be the ones providing the pain — they still sport versatile players at tailback and quarterback operating behind a line that averages 277 pounds.



It could go either way for second-year coach Willis May.

At least he's got proven playmakers on offense in senior tailback Joe Lamanca (5-foot-7, 150 pounds) and senior quarterback Jared Chapman (5-11, 158).

The elusive Lamanca, a third-year starter, ran for 1,057 yards and 18 touchdowns last season and also caught 14 passes for 196 yards and another score.

Chapman, though, could prove even more vital to the Redskins attack.

The Skins won their first three games last year with Chapman under center, only to see him miss the rest of the season with fractured vertebra in his neck. Hurricane promptly dropped five of its next six games and just missed the playoffs, going 5-5 and losing a tiebreaker with Cabell Midland for the 16th

and final spot in Class AAA.

In 12½ games as the Redskins' starter, Chapman has thrown for 827 yards and seven touchdowns and run for 352 yards and four scores.

"We thought he was on a roll to have a good year [in 2004]," May said, "and that really changed us a team when he went down. But he's back and healthy and working real hard. He threw the ball exceptionally well in the 7-on-7 clinic we went to in Morgantown this summer."

Junior Matt Hartsog (5-10, 189), a reserve tailback the last two years, moves over to become the starter at fullback.

Much of the massive offensive line saw spot duty there last year. Leading the front wall is senior right tackle Grant Grishaber (6-4, 292), who attended several summer camps and performed well at the Nike Training Camp at the University of Michigan in May.

Also ticketed to start are senior center Dusty Carroll (5-8, 201), senior right guard Matt Pelt (5-8, 350), junior left guard C.J. Huffman (6-1, 276) and junior left tackle Chris Johnson (6-3, 265). Sophomore Brannon Foster (5-8, 202) is expected to spell some of the starters.

"They've worked considerably hard in the weight room in the off-season," May said of his linemen, "and they all bench press over 300. They've worked real hard on their legs. We're real pleased with this group. It's one of the better lines we've had recently. The thing that's hurting us right now is that we need guys to come and spot those guys some."

Senior Derek Moore (6-1, 225), who played on the offensive line last year, has been shifted to tight



Running back Joe Lamanca (21) is a three-year starter in the Hurricane backfield.

end. He's also the returning place-kicker, booting four field goals and 22 extra points last season.

The top receiving threats are seniors Jake Fields (6-0, 168) and Vince Cavanaugh (6-0, 148) and junior Justin Chapman (5-10, 159), the quarterback's younger brother. Fields also handles the punting chores.

Many of the offensive starters also serve double duty on defense.

They'll be joined by sophomore Brad Anania (5-6, 162) at weakside end and junior Steve Shaffer (5-9, 169) in the secondary.

Candidates to see spot duty as defensive backups are senior Keith Johnson (5-8, 149), juniors Ryan Addis (5-10, 189) and Bruce Collins (5-9, 202) and sophomore Chris Holsopple (5-10, 206) — all at linebacker — as well as Cabell Midland

junior transfer Bryce Krieger (5-9, 169) in the secondary. Holsopple and Addis can also play on the line.

Hurricane's schedule features 2004 playoff teams the first six weeks — Winfield, Riverside, George Washington, Midland, Parkersburg and Nitro.

"There's not many teams that would want to trade schedules with us," May said.

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shot at the receiving posts.

On the line, senior Jason Shantie

(5-10, 220) is the lone returnee who started on both offense and defense. He'll be joined on the O-line by seniors Brendan Langsdorf (5-10, 225), Ryan Show (6-1, 220) and newcomer Josh Johnson, junior Derek Pauley (6-1, 240) and soph-

omore Tyler May. Show also played some on offense last season.

"We've got some guys who played a little bit on the line last year and got some reps there," McGrew said, "but it's revamped. We've never had a lot of depth up front, and we've still got the same problem. We're not as big as we've been, but we're stronger and maybe quicker. If you can have strength with that quickness, it's better than being big and not being able to move."

McGrew regards his defensive line as the team's strong point, owing to the return of one starter, Langsdorf, combined with the presence of Shantie, who bench presses 365 pounds.

"They look like twins, and they're pretty strong and quick," McGrew said.

"I wouldn't trade them for any defensive linemen around."

Also getting a look on defense are linemen Show and Pauley, outside linebackers Frampton, Schuler,

Hazlett and Barnett, inside backers Robinson, Cowan, Rich and junior Daniel Brison (6-0, 200) and defensive backs Pritt, Smoot and sophomore Rusty Wilson (5-10, 165).

Sophomore Zack Markham (5-11, 155) returns as the place-kicker.

The only schedule change finds the Generals dropping Ravenswood in order to open at Class AAA Hurricane, a Putnam County rival they haven't met since 2000.

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good," said Sawyer, who led the Bison to the first round of the playoffs last season.

"The seniors have stepped up and probably been more vocal than any senior class since I've been there. There's been a lot of enthusiasm at practice even as hot as it's been."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: BOONE, GILMER COUNTIES

Scott ready to make another playoff push



By Jacob Messer

Last year, the Class AA Scott Skyhawks made the state playoffs for the second consecutive season or the first time in school history. This year, they want to make it three in a row.

And Boone County's largest school has a team that can do it. "That certainly is our goal," said Scott coach Shane Griffith, whose team lost its first-round playoff game to finish the season with a 6-5 mark. "We don't hide from it."

With at least eight starters returning on both sides of the football, Griffith and his players are confident they can accomplish the feat.

"We have so much experience," said Griffith, who has eight seniors and 10 juniors among 35 players. "When we got to day three [of practice], it felt like week two. We are so far ahead of schedule. A lot of what we have done has been review because they already know most of it."

Arguably the Skyhawks' most important player is senior Nick Mullins, a four-year starter at quarterback.

Mullins ran for 613 yards and threw for 749 yards last season. Mullins also is a starter at safety, a spot from which he led the state in

interceptions last year with 11. Mullins has been an all-state selection at both positions (honorable mention at quarterback as a sophomore and second-team defensive captain at safety as a junior).

"He can take over a game on both sides of the ball," Griffith said.

Other pivotal players will be senior lineman Chris Booth, a three-year starter; senior receiver Kevin Mullins, who also will handle extra points and field goals; senior lineman Shane Queen, who starts on both sides of the football; senior tailback B.T. Roberts, an all-state honorable-mention selection last season who rushed for more than 1,000 yards; and junior linebacker Donovan Pearson, a three-year starter who also plays on the offensive line.

"I'm looking for those guys to be our leaders," Griffith said.

Other players Griffith expects to contribute are senior receiver/linebacker Stephen Brown, senior fullback Timmy Chapman, senior back Timmy Nelson, senior line-backer/linebacker Elijah Smith, junior receiver/cornerback Josh Belcher, junior lineman Devin Bias and sophomore wingback/cornerback Jordan Roberts.



By Jacob Messer

Junior running backs Brandon and Justin Treadway already know

what to expect this season when they will be carrying the football — and the load — for the Class AA Sherman Tide.

Sherman coach Bill Miller made sure of that during a preseason scrimmage.

Exhausted because they had played on offense, defense and special teams, the brothers begged their coach for a breather.

"Nope," Miller told the Treadways. "This is the way it will be on Friday nights. You better get used to it."

The talented twins can handle the responsibility, Miller said.

"They are good kids and hard workers," said Miller, whose team suffered a first-round playoff loss to end last season with an 8-3 record. "They will be our go-to guys this year."

Finding the best players to block for the brothers is one of the Tide's most important tasks heading into the season opener.

The Tide lost eight starters on both sides of the football from last season, including its tight end and three of five offensive linemen.

But senior guard Billy Jack Buzzard (6-foot-1, 212 pounds) and junior guard Ricky Seaberg (5-10, 185) return to anchor the unit. Senior Nick Pettry (6-1, 220) is competing with sophomores Drake Vanoy (6-0, 256) and Michael Showalter (6-1, 250) for the two tackle spots, with the loser of the three-man race expected to spell the others when necessary. Sophomore Shane Woodrum (5-11, 210) has established himself as the front-runner at center.

"We will have a big line, but we will have a young line," said Miller, who has only seven seniors among

his 35 players. "We need the offensive line to build a lot of confidence. With the kids we have at the skill positions, we have to be able to run it on the inside so we can run it to the outside and open up our passing game."

Miller said he is pleased with the performance of junior quarterback Dustin Trail, a first-year starter who has looked impressive in the Tide's veer offense.

"He is running it really well," Miller said.

Other players Miller expects to contribute are senior receiver/cornerback Cory Cantley, senior lineman/linebacker Cory Lovejoy and junior receiver/cornerback Michael Kirk.



By Jacob Messer

Opponents likely will look at the Class A Van Bulldogs' roster and notice a) a lot of players and b) some big ones.

But that will be misleading, coach Bob Mullett said.

"We have a lot of kids and we have some big ones," Mullett said, "but a lot of them have never played varsity football. So they probably won't be able to help us right away."

This year marks the return of Mullett, whose first job as a head coach was with the Bulldogs.

Mullett stayed at Van for 10 seasons, transforming the team from a perennial patsy to a perennial power. The Bulldogs made the

playoffs four times under Mullett, including one trip to the state semifinals.

Mullett spent the next 18 years as a coach at various high schools and colleges, including the past three years as an assistant under Carl Lee at West Virginia State.

"It was hard for me to leave there, but it was easy for me to come here," said Mullett, who inherited a team that posted a 3-7 record last season. "I'm excited to be back. I'm coaching the kids of some of the kids I coached my first time here."

Mullett has nine seniors among his 34 players, which account for more than half of the eligible boys at the tiny Boone County school. They are tight end/linebacker Josh Brown, lineman Michael Carver, receiver/linebacker Brandon Elswick, receiver/cornerback Wes Justice, quarterback/cornerback Chris Kennedy, lineman Victor Lovett, tailback/linebacker T.J. Lusk, lineman John Ratliff and receiver/cornerback Cory Shaikh.

Elswick, Lusk and Shaikh perhaps are the most important members of that group because "they will never come off the field," Mullett said.

A trio of freshmen — tailback Nick Green, tailback/linebacker Victor Niemiec and quarterback Jarrod Thomas — will receive significant snaps if not start for the Bulldogs.

"Those three have been a real nice surprise," Mullett said.

Other players Mullett expects to contribute are junior receiver/cornerback Eric Hall, junior lineman Justin Harper, junior tailback/defensive end Matt Kuhn, junior lineman/linebacker Ricky Runion and junior lineman John Simms.

Freshmen playing key roles for Gilmer

By Mike Whiteford



linebacker.

"He's attracted a lot of interest from some good schools," said Shuff.

"He's been to West Virginia's camp twice, and Maryland has been in contact."

It's still to be determined, said Shuff, whether Fox's future will be as a quarterback or linebacker.

Lending balance to the Gilmer

offense is running back Charlie Smith (5-10, 185, senior), who rushed for 850 yards and six TDs. Smith also plays linebacker.

Other returning veterans are defensive end/center Ryan Tomblin (5-10, 170, senior), wide receiver/safety Ethan Wolfe (6-0, 160, sophomore) and offensive guard/linebacker Justin Powers (6-1, 215, senior).

With a roster of fewer than 25 players, Shuff will turn to freshmen at several positions.

Freshman Dustin Howes (6-0, 290) is very mobile for his size and age, said the coach, and will play on the offensive line and at nose guard. Two other freshmen, Zach Burkhammer (5-10, 135) and Daniel Dulude (5-10, 135), will be used as receivers.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: CABELL, CLAY COUNTIES

Huntington looking to replace 22 seniors

HUNTINGTON
CLASS AAA
2004: 8-3, 1ST ROUND

By Tom Aluise

Huntington loses 22 seniors off last year's 8-3 playoff team. On the surface, that doesn't sound good.

But considering the Highlanders dropped three of their final four games, including a first-round Class AAA playoff loss to underdog Bridgeport, maybe starting over isn't such a bad thing.

"So many of those people are gone. We have to develop a new set of leaders. This team is going to develop its own identity."

Huntington coach
 Richard Williams

"So many of those people are gone," fifth-year Huntington coach Richard Williams said. "We have to develop a new set of leaders. This team is going to develop its own identity."

"We're going into the season looking to be a playoff team for the third straight season."

Huntington started last season 7-0 and appeared to be among the favorites in the AAA state championship race. A loss to George Washington at Laidley Field, though, started the Highlanders' downward spiral.

Huntington does have some key players back, including 6-foot-3, 190-pound senior quarterback Heath Thomas and running back Mike Taylor, a 5-10, 160-pound junior who gained almost 400 yards rushing and receiving last season.

Williams said Thomas, who played on Huntington's state-championship basketball team, as did Taylor, is a legitimate all-state candidate.

"We truly believe he's one of the best in West Virginia," Williams said. "He's good enough that we can't keep him a secret. Anyone who has played against us the last two years knows about him."

Williams has to replace his entire offensive line but likes the senior trio of Jonathan Cooper (6-2, 235), Kyle Dople (6-0, 225) and Ryan Cook (6-1, 235).

Defensively, returning starter Mark Maynard, a 6-2, 185-pound senior, will move from end to linebacker. Kolby Johnson, a 6-0, 205-pound senior, will play another linebacker spot.

Last year, only a handful of Highlanders played both ways. This year, Williams will have to use more players on both sides of the ball.

"It's a great opportunity for some seniors to go both ways and for some talented sophomores to start," Williams said.

CABELL MIDLAND
CLASS AAA
2004: 5-6, 1ST ROUND

By Mike Dailey

After a first-round playoff loss to eventual Class AAA champion Morgantown last season, Cabell Midland will be seeking its sixth straight trip to the postseason.

But in order to do so, they Knights will have to fill a few holes created by graduation.

"We're very inexperienced," said Midland coach Chip McMillian, who enters his seventh season with a 42-27 record. "If we can grow up and survive the early part of our season, we'll be competitive by the end of the season."

The Knights' offensive and defensive backfields will be helped by the return from injury of senior Wade Midkiff. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Midkiff, who rushed for 900 yards as a sophomore, missed all of his junior year with a broken leg.

"Certainly, his coming back from injury will help us," said McMillian of Midkiff's return.

Leading tackler Josh Turley (5-11, 205) also returns to man his linebacker spot for his senior year. Other key returners are senior tackle Corey Cole (6-3, 275) and junior guard/linebacker Ronnie Patrick (5-11, 202).

Senior wingback Jordan Cole (5-11, 185) and junior back/receiver Christian Edwards (6-1, 195) will also provide limited experience.

A pair of transfers from Huntington High will provide immediate help on the defensive side of the ball. Senior twins Mark and Zack Deal will see action at outside linebacker and cornerback, respectively.

Newcomers expected to help are juniors Josh Ferguson (QB, 6-0, 180), Tyler Coffman (DE, 6-2, 245) and Lewis Midkiff (OT, 6-0, 240). Sophomore center Chris Bowers (6-1, 240) will also contribute.

Sirk entering 35th year at Clay

By Chuck Landon

Just about the only experience Clay County has returning is veteran coach Ron Sirk.

"This will be my 35th year," said Sirk. "I started when they opened the new school in 1971."

Otherwise, the Panthers will be very young this season.

"We have 43 out," said Sirk, "and 27 of them are freshmen and sophomores."

To make matters worse, one of Clay's few returnees — two-year regular Derek Knopp, who was slated to play quarterback — broke his leg this summer.

"Derek is a real good athlete," Sirk said of the 5-foot-10, 165-pound senior. "He started at wide receiver and defensive back for us. In fact, he was our best defensive back. He also plays baseball and basketball — he's a three-sport athlete. Well, this summer he was playing baseball and slid into second base and broke his leg. We might get him back by the fourth or fifth game of the season."

In his absence, two untested sophomores are working at quarterback. They are Jared Klemman (5-10, 146), the son of assistant coach Frank Klemman, and J.D. Johnson (5-10, 180). Klemman played some quarterback on the junior varsity last season, and Johnson was a middle school QB.

The Panthers do have a senior returning regular in running back Mike Kearns (5-10, 188).

"He did a good job for us last year," Sirk said. Other returning regulars include senior guards

Dustin Vaughn (6-0, 200) and B.J. Williams (5-11, 186).

"We're glad to get B.J. back," said Sirk. "The doctors made him quit playing about the middle of last season because he had high blood pressure, and they couldn't get it under control. But, now, it's under control and he doesn't even have to take medication."

The only other returning regular is sophomore Caleb Caldwell (5-5, 193), who started at linebacker last season. He also plays fullback.

Sirk is expecting a pair of sophomores to man the tackle positions. They are Donnie Sizemore (6-0, 235) and Jarod Samms (5-11, 239).

"Sizemore is going to be pretty good before he gets out of here," said Sirk.

Clay also expects to get contributions from Gauley Bridge transfer Kevin Cox (5-8, 181, junior) at fullback and linebacker and Brandon Carte (5-9, 152, senior) at tailback.

"Cox will help us," said Sirk. "And Carte is the fastest player on the team."

Newcomers who have caught Sirk's attention are Justin Mahan (5-10, 155, junior) at running back and defensive back; Andrew Summers (5-9, 147, senior) at wide receiver and defensive back; Eric DeMoss (5-8, 164, senior) at fullback and defensive end; and Ethan Curry (5-7, 167, sophomore), who will be Clay's starting center.

"We're going to be young," said Sirk, whose Panthers were 7-4 last season with a first-round playoff loss to Shady Spring. "We have a little bit of experience in the backfield, so we're depending on that to carry us."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: FAYETTE COUNTY

Uncertainty surrounds Valley, Gauley Bridge



By J.T. Simms

Veteran Valley coach Benny Hopkins faces one of his biggest challenges this season ... just 18 players on the roster.

"We've always started out with 25, 26 players," Hopkins said. "There was one year we finished with 18 but we've never started out with that few."

If the closing of Gauley Bridge holds up — the State Supreme Court recently ruled that it would remain closed down — there may be some help on the way.

At least three former Travelers will likely set down roots in Smithers, and possibly more.

Throw in seven players that the team had counted on returning not making grades — "It seems like every year, grades wipe us out," Hopkins said — a couple deciding to hang up their pads, and three more transferring, and keeping track of the Greyhounds' roster becomes very tricky.

"It's been a carousel," Hopkins said. "We're trying to piece together what we can."

Here is what the lineup was projected to be before the arrival of any former Gauley Bridge players:

Beginning with players who saw varsity action last season, senior Jeff Stewart (5-foot-8, 139 pounds) was set at the slotback spot, classmates Raymond Barron (5-9, 228) at fullback and James Fizer (5-9, 222) at guard.

Trey Harvey (6-1, 158) will be at tight end and Mike Brogan (5-10, 282) is back at center after missing the last five games in 2004 with a broken ankle.

Junior Jeremy Overton (6-0, 167) played as a freshman and should start at tailback.

"That's just six guys that have played varsity," Hopkins said. "That's not many."

Sophomore Josh Thompson (5-11, 151 pounds) looks to be the quarterback while junior C.J. Sizemore (5-11, 170) will be at split end. And senior Justin Hamilton (5-9, 150) is "going to end up playing but I'm not sure where," said Hopkins.

A pair of sophomores, Jonathan McNemar (6-4, 237) and Chase Costa (5-11, 217), along with freshman Ethan Clay (5-9, 202), will join Fizer and Brogan up front.

"We're just going to do the best with what we've got," Hopkins said.



By J.T. Simms

The football education Midland Trail's underclassmen received last season is over, and now it is time to put what they learned to use.

"We only had three seniors on the squad last year," coach Joe Deem said. "This year we have eight."

With nine starters back on offense and eight on defense on a squad numbering around 40, experience is a definite plus with the senior class leading the way.

"They're doing a great job of leading by example," Deem said.

Midland Trail made its second of back-to-back playoff appearances when that group was freshmen.

"They were all on the team," Deem said. "We hope that it is an incentive to get back there."

The returning backfield trio of senior quarterback Tim Drennen (6-foot, 165 pounds), second-team all-state senior halfback Luke Morehead and junior Logan Caudill should provide plenty of offense.

Drennen threw for almost 800 yards after going over 1,000 as a sophomore while Morehead rushed for 1,515 yards last season.

He will again be running behind four-year starter Brad Sevy (6-2, 300), who is "a big, strong kid," according to Deem.

Fellow senior Rob Neal stays at linebacker on defense but moves from tight end to the offensive line to help out. Former center Corey Wilson makes the unusual switch to split end.

"He worked really hard in the offseason," said Deem.

Another senior, Shawn Hornsby, slides into the tight end spot and remains at defensive back.

Deem hopes to make some adjustments to get Drennen back over the 1,000-yard passing mark and take some heat off Morehead as the Patriots once again face a tough schedule.



By J.T. Simms

Some people use retirement as an opportunity to sit back and do nothing.

Then some, like new Oak Hill coach Toby Harris, see it as a chance to do something they love.

"I never really planned to be a head coach again," Harris said. "But this job came open and it's within driving distance of my house, and well ..."

Last season, he filled his time by assisting with the Greenbrier West football team.

He takes over a squad that showed some promise last season with a 2-0 start before the bottom dropped out and the team dropped its final eight games and saw the roster numbers fall drastically.

"There were less than 20 players in their last ballgame," Harris said. "I've got about a dozen of them."

And forget about reminiscing with this retiree ... he is already looking ahead.

"We've got a good core of about 20 freshmen," he said.

There are seven seniors and seven juniors on the 48-player roster. A good portion of the experienced players returning are up front.

Senior John Arthur (5-10, 245 pounds) is back at center with classmates Josh Kincaid (5-11, 190) and Matt Griffith (5-10, 215) returning at a guard and a tackle spot, respectively, along with Luke Lively (5-9, 190), who is on the offensive line and at linebacker on defense.

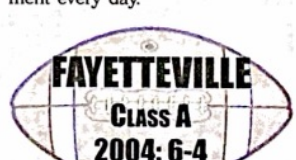
Junior Frankie Tredway (5-11, 208) did not play a year ago but is expected to start at tackle.

"We're building around the line," Harris said. "And we've got some good, quick, backs."

Such as junior Clint Lawson, who also skipped the 2004 season, and returning tailback Justin Kanada (5-10, 190) and fullback Ryan Fell (6-2, 185), who is moving over from tight end.

Junior Markus DeLung (5-7, 150) will be making the switch to quarterback after playing halfback his first two seasons.

"They're working really hard," Harris said. "They've got their goals set and we're showing improvement every day."



By Christopher Wade

Coach Frank Spangler's Pirates just missed out on the playoffs last season and will rely a lot on senior Josh Evans to try and reach the postseason this year.

Evans, a 6-foot-4, 325-pound left tackle and nose guard, will anchor both lines and is being recruited by several Division I schools, including West Virginia and Marshall.

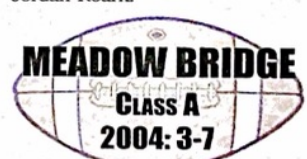
"On offense, he gets out on the linebackers to where they can't see anything and on defense, he clogs up the middle and will free up our linebackers," Pirates assistant coach Willie Marshall said. "We will obviously run a lot to his side because he is one of, if not the top lineman in the state. He sticks out like a sore thumb and that's a good thing for us."

To go along with Evans, the Pirates will rely on a number of seniors as there are only 25 players on the roster.

Senior returnees from last year include guard Aaron Twitty, running back Ezra Lewis, end Brad Jarrell, split end Daniel Lightner and tailback Josh Cottle, who was the team's quarterback last season.

Quarterback Jeff Preast and tailback Sean Foster, senior transfers from Gauley Bridge, will also be asked to help lead the Pirates.

Defensively, players expected to lead the way are tackle Wes Yarbber (6-4, 265), junior defensive back Danny Ferrell, defensive tackle Ed Myles, sophomore defensive end Matt Epperly and defensive back Jordan Roark.



By Christopher Wade

Depth has always been a problem for Meadow Bridge coach Larry McClintic, and this year will be no different.

However, with 27 kids on the roster this year, McClintic, entering his

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37th season with the Wildcats, is actually thrilled.

"Last season we only ended the year with about 22 on the team so this is actually a big number. Any time we can have this amount of kids out, we actually feel like we've done fairly well," McClintic said.

McClintic welcomes back practically his entire backfield on offense, led by 6-foot-2, 205-pound junior quarterback Wes Wyandt.

Also, leading rusher James Mullins, a 6-0, 180-pound senior halfback, returns along with a pair of juniors, fullback Zach Smith (5-11, 175) and running back Zach Johnson (5-11, 180).

"With Wes, his size is a good thing at 6-2, and having a year under his belt as a sophomore gives him more confidence," McClintic said. "We can use him more in our offense as a runner in our option game."

"Concerning Mullins, we changed him from fullback to the halfback position about the third or fourth game and he got better at the year went along, so he will carry the load."

Other skill-position players returning are senior end John Tolley (5-11, 180) and sophomore split end Billy Trump (5-10, 140).

Seniors returning on the line are tackle Matt Neely (5-11, 210), guard Matt Schoolcraft (5-9, 170) and tackle Anthony Goins (5-9, 230). Also back is sophomore center Josh Tolley (5-10, 210).

"Experience really helps you grow. We have a lot of guys who have come through the ranks," McClintic said.

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09/02	Parkersburg	A
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: GREENBRIER, FAYETTE COUNTIES

Grogg has Greenbrier East moving forward



By Jeff Rider

In his second year at the helm, coach Andy Grogg says the Spartans are headed in the right direction.

"We're going to be better," Grogg said. "How much better, record-wise, I don't know. But we had a great offseason. We got kids in the weight room. We went out and beat the bushes in the school and have between 65 and 70 kids coming out."

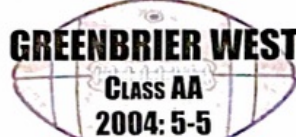
The Spartans return all but a handful from last season's squad, including eight starters on offense. Juniors Josh Smith (6-foot, 250-pound junior), Brandon Wilson (5-10, 210) and Jerry Dailey (6-2, 230) anchor the line, while senior fullback Tommy Nutter (6-2, 245) and senior running back Zach Coleman (5-11, 170) return in the backfield. Coleman, Derrick Counts (6-0, 165, senior) and Brent Windon (5-9, 165, senior) will see time at receiver.

Two newcomers are expected to make an immediate impact.

Brian Calhoun (5-10, 160, jr.) transferred to East from a 6A high school in Florida, where he started at running back. Dominique Daniels (6-0, 180, jr.) has the inside track to start at quarterback after sitting out last season with a shoulder injury.

One of the biggest challenges for the Spartans will be competing for the first time in the always-tough Mountain State Athletic Conference. But Grogg, who served as an assistant coach in the MSAC during his years at Herbert Hoover and Riverside, knows what to expect.

"I know what we're going up against," he said. "We're going to have to step up or get killed. When I was at Hoover in the '90s, we had guys in the weight room but won a lot of games by being stronger. We've got the same type of kids [here] that we had up Elk River."



By Nick Harrah

When Greenbrier West kicks off its season at Shady Spring, there will have been a nearly complete offensive overhaul from last year's skill-position players.

"We have a really small senior class, probably five or six seniors with playing experience," coach Lewis McClung said.

A youth movement of sorts is underway, and McClung has to find a replacement for Class A all-state tailback Chris Fleming, who graduated. According to McClung, it's an open audition for the job.

Juniors Chad Briggs (6-foot-0, 170 pounds) and Chris Fitzwater (5-8, 140), along with sophomore Kenneth Holland (6-1, 180), will vie for the spot. The wild card will be junior

Trent Walker (6-2, 185), who will start at quarterback or tailback. McClung says that as Walker goes, so goes the Cavaliers' backfield.

In the backfield, senior Isaac Tharp (5-10, 215) and junior Alex Palmer (6-2, 180) will compete to see who starts at fullback and blocks for Walker. Senior Darrell Shipe (6-1, 180) will likely be the starting tight end when the team lines up against Shady.

On the offensive line, senior Eric Sorrels (6-3, 240) is making the

move from center to tackle. Junior Lee Hamons (6-3, 270) will anchor the other tackle spot. Jon Myles, Joe Hicks, Jeff Boothe and a couple of others will compete for the inside positions.

At the perimeter of the Cavaliers' offensive attack this season will be junior wide receiver Chris Rowe (6-3, 195), who is expected to be the go-to guy. Others expected to start along the defensive line include: Shipe (DE), Hamons (DT), Sorrels (DT) and Hicks (DT). The defen-

sive wild card may be junior Jaron Childers (6-1, 165), who'll likely line up at the other end position.

The Cavaliers will need Tharp and Palmer to fill the shoes of Class A all-state honorable mention line-backer Pat Shoemaker, who graduated. Junior Sherman Eagle (6-0, 185) will see action somewhere with the corps, likely the outside.

The defensive backfield is pretty much set. Rowe and Walker are experienced safeties, and Briggs is a returning starter at corner.

FAYETTE

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"We just need three or four kids to come around and give us some depth."



By Christopher Wade

Eddie Souk, entering his 19th season as coach at Mount Hope, welcomes back eight starters from last year's team and has 33 players on his roster this season.

In the backfield, 5-foot-11, 165-pound senior quarterback Matt Craddock returns to lead the Mustang offense and will be joined by junior running backs Jamel Shelton (5-11, 190) and Jordan Maynor (6-

0, 170).

"All of them are three-sport athletes, are smart kids as they all make 3.5 [grade-point average] or better in the classroom and have a lot of knowledge in the game," Souk said.

Protecting the returnees in the backfield is a pair of junior tackles in Greg Underwood (6-0, 250) and Desmond Newsome (6-1, 285). Senior guard Mike Cottle (5-11, 165) will also anchor the line.

"I'm expecting big things from my linemen. They all have experience but one of them," Souk said.

Two other key returning seniors

are end/defensive back Dustin Kiser (6-2, 165) and split end/linebacker Joe Steploski (5-8, 140).

On the defensive side, Newsome will anchor the tackle position while Underwood, Cottle, Maynor and Steploski will all see action at line-backer. In the backfield, Shelton and Kiser will be called upon to lead the defense.

"I think a major strength is our team speed," Souk said. "We don't have great team speed but we certainly have decent enough speed and we are just looking to make adjustments throughout the year and just keep getting better."

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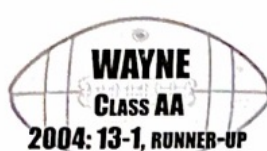
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: WAYNE, WIRT COUNTIES

Loss of 21 seniors hasn't deterred Wayne



By Matt Lockhart

First things first — Wayne High lost 21 seniors from last year's Class AA state runner-up team.

"Our offensive and defensive lines were all seniors," said coach Tommy Harmon.

Still, don't think for a minute expectations aren't high in this western part of the state, even if the Pioneers lost two first-team all-state picks and a pair of second-teamers.

While Harmon might not be the bragging type, there is a certain buzz in these parts, suggesting Wayne has a legitimate shot at returning to the Class AA finals, following last year's 69-24 crusher by Bluefield.

Harmon's track record is a big part of it. He's averaged more than

10 wins in the past eight seasons, despite going winless in his 1997 debut.

"We have to get people experience and get it moving as quickly as we can," Harmon said.

"It's a bit of a readjustment period for us."

Fortunately, senior leaders Trevor Marcum and Nick Newell give Wayne reason for hope.

Marcum is Wayne's 6-foot-4, 235-pound linebacker who committed to Marshall in June after earning back-to-back first-team all-state honors.

He's ranked as the state's No. 3 prospect by Rivals.com.

Last year, Marcum made 107 tackles and caught six touchdowns from his tight end position.

"Trevor is the perfect kind of kid you want on the team," Harmon said of Marcum, who was clocked at 4.7 in the 40-yard dash. "He is not into the stat part of it or the things that go along with being a Division I recruit."

Speaking of Division I recruits, Harmon's quarterback — Newell — has been getting plenty of looks by colleges entering his final season.

"There are a few schools around," said Harmon.

"No one I want to mention specifically. Obviously, being 6-foot-3 and 215 pounds with pretty good speed and a nice arm, there aren't a lot of those kids running around — especially in this state."

The left-handed Newell certainly did his part in leading Wayne to its second state championship game since 2000. The three-year starter threw for more than 1,000 yards and 19 touchdowns in an offense not known for its passing attack.

Another key returnee is senior running back Garry Roland. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound speedster will get plenty of opportunities in an offense that isn't shy about using up to 10 different ball-carriers a game.

Wayne opens the season at home against Lawrence County, Ky.



By Mike Dailey

Former Ceredo-Kenova and Spring Valley coach Don Money returns to the sidelines after the departure of Phil Ratliff to James Madison University.

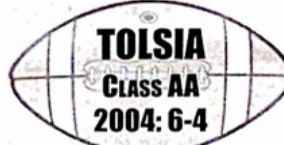
"I don't really know what made me come back," said Money. "I just saw the opening and decided to give it a try."

Money has already seen an increase in players over past seasons. "Last year we only had 35 kids out," said Money. "This year we've got 51 out and 49 ninth graders. We've got 100 kids, so that's good. "Now how good they'll be, I don't know."

Spring Valley is coming off a 5-5 season.

Senior returnees are linebacker Corey Adkins (6-foot-1, 310), end Aaron Herk (6-2, 170), offensive lineman Andy Dinson (6-0, 300) and defensive back Justin Sims (5-11, 160).

Top juniors are running backs Justin Thompson (5-8, 170) and Justin Phillips (5-10, 170), along with linebacker Shaun Carver (5-9, 201), lineman Jake Kelly (6-0, 160), defensive lineman Seth Wechsler (6-0, 225) and kicker Danny Brody (5-8, 155).



By Mike Dailey

After four straight playoff appearances, Tolsia missed out on the postseason last year after go-

ing 6-4.

"We lost a couple of games that we shouldn't have," said Rebel coach Drew Waller. "We lost a lot of players from last year's team, but we've got quite a few seniors back."

Waller, in his eighth season, welcomed 44 players to camp, but lost three players to injury in the first days of practice.

"We've had a couple of injuries, but we're looking pretty good so far," he said.

"We're coming along."

Key returners are senior linemen Chris Waller (5-foot-10, 195) and Timmy "Bear" Evans (6-1, 245) along with senior tailback B.J. Evans (6-3, 210).

Evans tallied close to 1,000 yards on the ground last year and led the Rebels in scoring.

Returning juniors include full-backs Andrew Banfi (5-11, 210) and Nick Dillon (5-11, 200).

Top newcomers are senior quarterback Adam Perry (6-0, 205), junior signal-caller Michael Ramey (5-11, 200) and sophomore quarterback Darin Parsley (5-9, 145).

Others expected to contribute are junior receiver Brandon Stacy (6-0, 185) and sophomore defensive end Kenny Muncy (6-3, 245).

"We've got some good kids back," said Waller.

"The kids are working hard, but we'll have a lot of sophomore offensive linemen learning on the job."

Wirt has high expectations

By Jay Srinivasan

Wirt County may have finished 2-8 last year, but Tigers coach Marty Prime expects a lot out of his

team this year.

"We have a lot more skilled players this year," said Prime, who is in his third year at the helm. "Last year we had two to three athletes but this year we have six or seven."

"Several of our offensive linemen started as sophomores and juniors last year. With the experience they got, we look forward to creating some opportunities. We have the potential to be a very good team."

Quarterback Josh Valentine, a

"We have a lot more skilled players this year. Last year we had two to three athletes but this year we have six or seven."

Wirt County coach Marty Prime



6-foot, 145-pound freshman, will lead the team offensively.

Prime believes he can give defenses problems by passing and running.

"He's got all the intangibles that make for a good quarterback," said Prime.

Sophomore Allen Arnold, a 6-1, 181-pound fullback/linebacker, will add depth on both offense and defense, and Clint Stanley, a 5-9, 155-pound senior, will play the wing-back position.

Michael Tursley, a 5-11, 183-pound senior who returned a punt for a touchdown last year, is expected to be a threat again this season.

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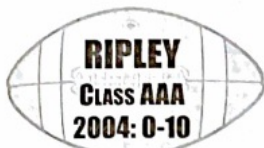
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: JACKSON, ROANE COUNTIES

Nowhere to go but up for winless Ripley



By Mike Ruben

It's a new situation for Ripley coach Jimmy Frashier. For the first time in three years, he won't be facing the task of rebuilding an offensive line.

Taking over for a retiring Frank Marino in 2003, Frashier inherited a team with some experienced players at the skill positions, but was depleted by graduation from tackle to tackle. Instant help was needed in the form of five more seniors.

That meant starting from scratch in the trenches again in 2004. Winning in the rugged Mountain State Athletic Conference with untested linemen doesn't happen often. Ripley can attest to that as the Vikings struggled through an 0-10 season.

That was then. This is now. "We've got some people back who have been there and we have some depth," Frashier noted.

Ripley returns several experienced linemen, including seniors Nathan Poling (5-foot-10, 210 pounds), Justin King (5-11, 185), Andy Cossin (6-4, 190), Joe Parsons

(6-0, 185) and juniors Curtis Winter (6-5, 250), Joe Cunningham (6-5, 250), Darren Games (5-9, 220) and Patrick Racer (6-2, 225).

Having familiar faces on the line makes senior quarterback Tim "Hacksaw" Hayhurst more confident, too. "Every offensive lineman was in the weight room working this year," he stated. "They worked as hard as anybody."

Hayhurst (6-0, 170) added about 15 pounds to his frame during the offseason. "We had a good offseason conditioning program," he added. "We came out this year in pretty good shape."

He completed 53-of-126 passes for 658 yards and six touchdowns as a junior. He put up most of those numbers after returning from a broken hand suffered in game two. He threw for 130 yards or more in three of his four games after recovering from the injury.

His top returning receiver is senior Jon Ullom (6-2, 190), who caught 15 passes for 101 yards.

The Viking backfield, utilizing the wing-T formation, includes the top two ground gainers from 2004. Senior Parker Deem (5-10, 210) rushed for 364 yards and led the team by averaging 3.7 yards per carry. Senior Mikee Ratliff (5-10, 165) covered 225 yards. Senior Dustin McClanahan (5-10, 175) was the leading rusher on the junior varsity.

Defensively, Ripley returns its top three tacklers in Ullom, Deem

and Hayhurst, and six of the top nine on the team in stops.

Frashier was also happy to see an increase in numbers this year. The Vikings have a 50-man roster, not including a 20-player freshman team.

"We have a good group of seniors," Frashier added. "They have been giving us some good leadership out there."

Ripley opens the season Friday against long-time rival Point Pleasant in the Battle for the Old Oak-ent Bucket. The series dates back to 1932.



By Mike Ruben

Look for Ravenswood to have a Workman-like approach to the season. Red Devil opponents would be wise to do the same.

Coach Dick Sturm describes two-way lineman William Workman (6-foot-3, 285 pounds) as one of the Mountain State's best. In fact, Sturm says the senior compares favorably to former Ravenswood standout Luke Salmons, who won the Hunt Award as the state's top

prep lineman and went on to become a starter at Marshall.

"I would say they are about on the same level," said Sturm, who has been on the Devil coaching staff since 1966 and head coach since 1997.

In fact, the coach says Workman is taking advantage of Salmons' experiences.

"Luke has been very helpful to William and our athletes," he said. "He can tell them what is expected of them on the next level."

Workman has been a three-year starter for Ravenswood. His defensive totals a year ago included 66 tackles, six quarterback sacks and five fumble recoveries.

"He has the tools," Sturm added. "He moves well. He has superior strength for his age and he has a very coachable attitude. His destiny is in his own hands, but I think he's capable of playing Division I football."

Ravenswood is coming off a 10-2 season. It was the fourth straight playoff appearance for the Little Kanawha Conference member, who defeated Winfield before falling to Shady Spring in Class AA post-season play.

At least three senior team members are hoping for a win-win season in the Ohio River community. Twins Kirk and Travis Ritchie along with cousin Ross Ritchie are suiting up for both the football and soccer teams.

Kirk (5-10, 170) was a wide receiver, defensive back and place-kicker a year ago. He had 10 catches for 259 yards and two scores as a pass catcher and covered 85 yards on just five carries. He hit 21-of-24 extra-point kicks and four of seven field goals. Sturm says he plans to find a way to get the ball in Kirk's hands more this year.

Travis (6-0, 235) averaged 34.3 yards on 40 punts, including a school-record 73-yarder. He may see action at tight end, too.

Ross (5-10, 145) is a speedster who may contribute as a defensive back, receiver and kicker.

"We've been doing that for several years now," Sturm says of the two-sport athletes. "Schools our size need to have their athletes on the field and we've had good cooperation with the soccer coaches."

The Devil offense will have to find replacements for departed quarterback Jake Gump and bruising running backs Andrew Schindler, a Marshall walk-on, and Justin Hafer. Jarrod Varney (5-9, 145) appears to have the edge at QB. Kyle Reed (5-10, 170) averaged 7.5 yards while gaining 767 and scoring nine TDs and is the top returning rusher.

Justin Mahan returns at receiver, having caught 13 passes for 167 yards last year.

Schindler's departure also leaves a void on the defense. He is the school's career tackling leader.

Replacing all-stater Hardman top priority for Roane

By Christopher Wade

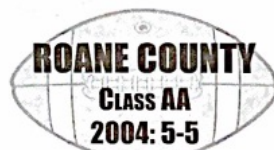
Roane County coach Tom Hardman has the inenviable task of trying to find a replacement for his son, two-time all-state lineman Derek Hardman, who is now playing for Eastern Kentucky.

"I'm going to miss him. We was a part of a big senior class that graduated 15 seniors who all played a role in changing Raider football," Hardman said.

"We have 62 players on the roster from just 10th-through-12th grade so, including our freshmen, we have 89 players. We are tickled to see this many out and to see the excitement in the community."

Hardman is changing his offensive attack this season to a passing attack due to the return of 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior quarterback Evan Kendall, who became the Raiders' quarterback for the final three games last season and passed for 551 yards.

"We will run a lot more one-back stuff to match our ability because we will be predicated on the pass this season," Hardman said. "That falls on Evan, but he's go-



ing to be a big-time player and I wouldn't trade him for just about anyone."

Junior Anthony Hodgekinson and sophomore Cam Wilson will back up Kendall at quarterback. At running back, four players will get their opportunity to start: seniors Brian Snodgrass and Andrew Brannard, junior Joe Caldwell and sophomore Eric McKay.

With the Raiders passing more, the likely targets are seniors Eddie Williams (5-10, 155), Cruise Lawson (6-2, 180) and Dustin Coon (5-9, 160). Juniors Shea Taylor and Chris Snyder will also see plenty of action.

Those expected to try and fill Derek Hardman's shoes on the offensive line are junior guards Ty Jackson and Perry Shamblyn, junior centers Tyler Kelly and Matt

Schoolcraft, junior tackle Ryan Matheny and three-year starter Dusty Paxton, a senior tackle.

Leading the way on the defensive line are Jackson, a defensive end; senior tackle Tyler Hyer; sophomore end Brad Parsons; and Shamblyn, Kelly and sophomore Rusty Bryant.

Linebackers include Brannard, who has led the Raiders in tackles the last two years; Snodgrass, Kendall, Caldwell, Lawson, McKay, seniors Adam Chain and Shawn Walters, and junior Anthony Dewtweiler.

The Raiders return everyone in their secondary, including Snyder,

Williams, Hodgekinson, Taylor and senior Mitch Boggess.

"We have a lot of competition with 89 players on the roster but that's a good luxury to have," Hardman said.

"It brings out the best and the worst, and we are hoping for the best."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: LOGAN COUNTY

Logan returning to the air with new quarterback



By Rick Ryan

Logan coach Gary Mullins is pretty sure his team can still move the ball. If only the Wildcats can stop the other team from moving it, too.

In Mullins' first season, which produced a 3-7 record, the Wildcats threw the ball all over the park with quarterback Albert Cooper and were able to rack up points and yards against everyone except Class AAA power Parkersburg South.

Cooper is gone, but Logan expects to keep the same mentality on offense because nearly all the other skill-position players return.

"We'll keep throwing it," said the 25-year-old Mullins. "We're wide-open, so that's what we like to do." Taking over at quarterback is junior Justin Taylor (6-foot, 220

pounds), who played tailback last season.

"He's a linebacker and a tailback who happens to have a good arm," Mullins said. "He was the first option [at quarterback] because of his size and his ability to throw the ball."

Taylor shouldn't suffer from a lack of targets, since the team's top eight wide receivers are all back, led by senior Joey Carter (5-9, 170), a second-team all-state selection after catching 53 passes for 441 yards.

Other wideouts include seniors Cornelius Godfrey (5-10, 150), basketball standout C.B. Green (5-10, 150), Kenny Akers (5-10, 150), Carl Dean (5-10, 150) and junior newcomer Jordan Moore (5-10, 190), one of the state's top baseball talents.

Senior fullback Anthony Perrin (6-1, 230) should give the Wildcats a running threat after losing 40 pounds but maintaining his superior strength.

"That's the lightest he's been in his life," Mullins said. "We should be able to run the ball a little more with him. As far as anyone knows, he's the strongest Logan

Wildcat on record — he benches 300 pounds, deadlifts 635 and squats 590."

Joey Shepherd (5-9, 180) looks to be the tailback, with sophomore Cody Baisden (5-11, 165) in reserve. Soph Robert Shell (5-10, 230) backs up Shepherd.

Another former running back, senior Ryan Sigmon (5-11, 225), fills one of the many vacancies on the offensive line after adding 50 pounds of muscle. Senior William Abraham (6-3, 260) and junior O.B. Copley (6-2, 240) will also man positions on the line, with several sophomores vying for the other spots. Senior Cody Robinette (6-1, 195) takes over at tight end.

On defense, 10 of 11 starters return from a squad that allowed 28.4 points per game.

Perrin, Sigmon, Robinette and Copley are the linemen, backed by Taylor, Shell, Shepherd, Baisden and Moore at linebacker. Godfrey plays free safety, with Akers, Dean, Green and freshman Derrick Perrin, Anthony's brother, at the cornerback slots.

"We lost four games by 22 points total last year," Mullins said. "We could have easily been 7-3. We have a lot of those guys back and after a long season in the weight room, maybe they'll remember those games and hopefully win them this year."

players reporting for practice, expectations are on the rise.

"They've had a good offseason attitude," said fourth-year coach Harvey Arms. "They've come back in good shape. We think they're primed. They are far more excited about [the season] than teams have been in the past."

Senior Andrew McDonald, a 5-8, 165-pound tailback, returns to lead the offense. McDonald, whom Arms described as a playmaker, scored eight touchdowns last year. Senior fullback Linzy Collins, a 6-0, 220-pound fullback, looks to add to his nearly 500 yards rushing.

Also back on offense are junior center Tyler Riggins (5-11, 205), senior guard Robert Justice (5-9, 230), junior guard Dustin Griffin (5-11, 240), senior tight end Josh Browning (5-10, 180), senior split end Jeremy Johnson (5-11, 165) and senior wide receiver Eric Plymale (5-9, 145).

Returning on defense are Collins (defensive tackle), Plymale and Johnson (defensive back) and Browning, McDonald and 5-8, 215-pound junior Keith Conley (linebacker).

Brandon Duncan, a 5-9, 140-pound backup last year, will be the starting quarterback.

"He looks good early," Arms said. "He's smooth. He's improved so much. His maturity is so much better. He goes into the huddle and under center with confidence."

Arms also expects contributions from seniors Patrick Trent (5-9, 200), Blaine Vance (5-9, 205), Ricky Grimmer (6-2, 215), Jeremie Johnson (5-10, 180) and Justin Vance (5-9, 160); juniors Eric Goodman (5-10, 215), Michael Evans (6-0, 210), Brad Story (5-11, 250), Dewey Trent (5-8, 140), Matt Bowen (5-10, 175) and Michael Parsons (5-8, 150); sophomores Roger Browning (5-7, 130) and Chris Toler (5-10, 190); and freshman Chris Tolliver (5-9, 150).

Arms said the extra bodies have made his job a lot easier so far. Man will need the reinforcements because it faces five double-A playoff teams on its schedule.

"It makes the competition for positions and makes people have to work harder," he said. "Plus it gives us an opportunity to play more people. You don't have to play everybody into the ground."

will open the season with what looks like the foundation of a solid offense.

It's a foundation consisting of a quarterback who threw for 1,500 yards last year, two veteran running backs, an infusion of speed and two experienced offensive linemen, including a mammoth Division I prospect.

If those elements mesh, the Tigers look like a good bet to improve on last year's 2-8 record.

"We're looking for good things," said second-year coach George Barker.

"We were in every ballgame last year, but we couldn't find a way to win very many."

Quarterback Lonnie Berry, a 6-foot, 185-pound senior, completed nearly 60 percent of his passes last season in amassing 1,500 yards through the air, and two fullbacks, Matt Fillingier (5-10, 205, junior), and Justin Dalton (5-10, 210, junior) return.

Fillingier started the first eight games before suffering an injury, at which point Dalton, who was hurt in preseason, returned to start the final two games.

This season, Dalton probably will switch to tailback, and Fillingier will remain at fullback.

A nice addition to the team is freshman David Wiley (5-8, 150), whom Barker calls the team's fastest player. Wiley, who excelled as a middle school player last year, is expected to make an immediate contribution somewhere on offense.

Senior offensive tackle Zach Hensley is a solid 6-7, 290-pound senior who is attracting Division I attention, said Barker. The other offensive tackle is veteran Chris Ball (6-2, 220, junior).

Another tailback, Richie Adkins (5-10, 190, junior), started one game last year at that position but will probably play wingback this season.

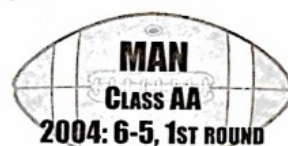
Although the Wildcats are experienced at quarterback and deep at running back, they lost all of their receivers.

Other players with experience are offensive guard Cody Adams (6-1, 220, junior), center Charlie Sparks (6-2, 235, sophomore), tight end/long snapper Isaac Dingess (sophomore, 5-10, 190) and linebacker Hunter Podunavac (5-10, 205, sophomore).

Senior Andrew Simms (6-0, 200) is a Chapmanville baseball player who will play football for the first time.

He'll play wide receiver. Another baseball player, senior Josh Gordon (6-3, 180), is in his first season of football and will play in the defensive secondary.

Freshman Derek Basadre (5-10, 210) probably will start at offensive guard.



By Tommy R. Atkinson

Excitement surrounds the Hillbillies.

Man, which is fresh off its first playoff appearance since 1997, lost only five starters from last year's squad to graduation, and with 51

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: LINCOLN COUNTY

New Duval coach unsure of what lies ahead



By Andrew J. Beckner

New Duval coach Blaine Wilkerson has no idea what to expect from his young Yellow Jackets.

Here's a guess: not the best defense in the world.

Wilkerson isn't quite sure what to do with them just yet.

Here's another guess: run the ball.

Ask Wilkerson to list his top players, and there isn't a natural defender among them. Instead, he rattles off a list of offensive linemen and ball-handlers who will look to improve upon Duval's 4-6 season from a year ago.

"I can't really tell what've I've got," Wilkerson said. "I've got a lot of young players."

Wilkerson is back on the sidelines after being retired for a few years. But when some people at Duval approached him about jumping back into the coaching fray, he decided to give it a shot.

It's not, to be sure, the best situation.

He said there isn't a middle-school program for Duval kids — indeed, the Lincoln County school serves the Lincoln County school students in grades 7 through 12 — and that means a lot of his players come in without a lot of experience.

Unless you count midget league, Wilkerson said.

It all starts up front for the Yellow Jackets. Guards Adam Alford and Jeff Miller and tackles John Mosteller and John Miller make up a solid group.

They'll pave the way for fullback Justin Dunlap and wingback Steve Jarvis, who will get the bulk of the touches.



By Andrew J. Beckner

If you could hear all the talk around Branchland, Guyan Valley just isn't supposed to do much this year.

You can't blame the gossip mongers. The Wildcats' tailback from last year's 7-4, single-A playoff team? Gone.

Starting fullback? Gone.

Every single one of their line-backers? Gone.

This year's starting tailback? Well, he's not gone. But he did bang his knee in practice and is hurting a bit.

You could say first-year coach Greg Lambert has his work cut out for him.

Call him crazy, but Lambert thinks he's got a pretty good team.

"We're cautiously optimistic," said Lambert, the long-time defensive coordinator at Guyan Valley who takes over the reins this year. "We have enough coming back. A lot of people in the community don't think we'll do much. Time will tell."

There's a good nucleus, Lambert said.

Recent success helps, too. Last year, Guyan Valley was the lone Lincoln County school to make the Class A playoffs, losing to Moorefield in the first round.

If the team is to return to that level of play, they'll need the help of senior quarterback Brandon Prazier. He was the starter last year and provides veteran leadership.

He'll hand off to tailback Kenneth "Chubby" Nelson, a junior. Wingback Corey Foster and tight end Cody Nelson round out Guyan Valley's key skill players.

On the offensive line, Lambert said he's solid "from tackle to tackle." Across the line opponents will run into Chase Pritchard, Jacob Norman, Travis McCormick, Mike Wells and Jeff Haslett.

"We're relatively deep," Lambert said. Still, "we don't have any blue chippers."



By Andrew J. Beckner

One thing you'll learn about Hamlin High School's football team — and learn quickly.

They'll hit you. Hard.

As coach John Shimp sees it, they really don't have much of a choice. Even among single-A schools, Hamlin is a small squad.

But there's more to a football team that putting shoulder pads and a helmet on the biggest kid you can find.

"We have a lot of good athletes," Shimp said. "They're quick, but they aren't that big."

That's OK. It's a formula the Bobcats rode to a 6-4 record last year.

This year, they'll try to build on that. So far, Shimp is pleased. The team wrapped up two-a-day practices on Friday and seems ready to

start the season.

When it does start, Hamlin will ride its running game, and it all starts with sophomore Josh Wade. He's a halfback-free safety hybrid with 4.6 speed — not bad for a school with just about 170 kids.

"We'll be counting on him a lot," Shimp said.

Taking some of the pressure off is fullback Andrew Bias. He's the yin to Wade's yang, the power to Bias' glory.

The coaching staff is intrigued by quarterback Jake Anderson. He's prototypical at 6-foot-2, 190 pounds. He's also a true quarterback in the sense that he can throw the ball a country mile — and, Shimp says, hit a dime while he's at it.

Enough of that offensive stuff — what about those hard hitters?

Look no further than inside linebacker Trapper Whetsel. He's the team's hardest hitter, operating behind Shimp's four-man front that features a lot of stunts and blitzes — the coach says it's the team's way of compensating for lack of size.



By Mike Whiteford

Even though the Hannan Wildcats have not won a game since the 2002 season, coach Mike Wallace detected modest progress last year — both on the field and on the scoreboard.

The Wildcats, the coach noted, were no longer losing by lopsided margins.

"We were more competitive against teams that had beaten us handily the year before," said Wallace, who is beginning his fourth

season. "We improved by about 20 points per game against many of our opponents. Most of our games were better than the previous year. We lost one game by only two points."

The Mason County school, whose enrollment is just 280 for the upper four grades, posted a 2-8 record in 2002 but then suffered through back-to-back 0-10 campaigns.

Wallace expects about 25 players on his opening-day roster and sees the possibility of some victories.

"I think we'll be better this year," he said. "We have more quickness, and I think the kids are more in tune with the team concept and there's not as much me, me, me."

Quarterback Alan Dye, a 5-foot-7, 135-pound senior, returns but faces competition from Christian Estep, a 5-8, 135-pound junior. Estep, who played as a freshman but sat out last year, will challenge for the starting job, said Wallace.

Other experienced players are defensive end/center Willie Gillispie (5-10, 225, senior), fullback/nose guard Luke Edmunds (5-9, 135, senior), defensive back Ben Midkiffe (5-8, 135, senior), tailback/defensive back Steven Lambert (5-8, 155, junior), offensive lineman Matt McBride (5-8, 155, senior), receiver Zach Sturgeon (5-7, 135, sophomore), defensive back/running back Cody Spangler (5-9, 155, sophomore) and running back/tight end Wesley Gue (6-0, 190, junior), who sat out last year but played as freshman.



By Andrew J. Beckner

It had been 43 years since Harts

High School fielded a football team.

So pardon coach Randy Adkins if he isn't upset at a losing record last year.

Besides, from the looks of it, a sub-500 team might be what Harts football once was: a thing of the past.

"I still look at it as being an inexperienced football team," Adkins said. "But we're head and shoulders above where we were last year."

Last year, in a seven-game schedule, Harts finished 3-4. Not too shabby when you're starting from scratch.

Again, however, Adkins expects more.

"We're a lot further along than we were last year," he said. "From where we started last year, it's really incomparable."

Take Aaron Browning, for instance. Last year, the quarterback was shaky — so much so that Adkins wasn't sure if he "was what we were looking for."

Cut to this year.

Browning "improved so much from last year it's not even funny," Adkins said. Opponents surely won't be laughing when they see how much his arm strength is improved from last year.

He'll certainly be called upon to use it. Adkins employs a wide-open offensive attack, and Browning's continued development — along with that of wideout/tailback Ricky Thomas and fullback Joe Browning — will dictate how successful that attack will be.

Helping matters is a veteran offensive line — well, as veteran as a group at Harts can be. Adkins says the team will be solid up front behind guards Josh Spry and Dustin Smith — as long as he can get them in shape.

So what about it, coach? Ready to make the ultimate leap — and get the kids to the playoffs?

"Yeah, I'm hoping. I still look at it as being an inexperienced team," he said. "What that means in terms of wins and losses, I'm not sure."



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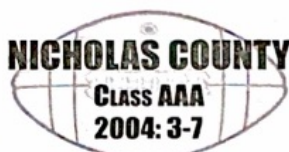
Injuries could be a blessing in disguise for Nicholas

By Christopher Wade

Losing his starting running back on the fourth play of the season last year set the tone for Nicholas County and Grizzlies coach Gene Morris.

The Grizzlies lost seven seniors to season-ending injuries throughout the course of the year as Morris and the coaching staff had to fill holes with inexperienced players.

"We had a host of injuries and it just seemed like we would lose a couple key guys every game, but we had a lot of individuals get a lot



of playing time," Morris said. "We battled through it and made the most out of a pretty bad situation."

Among those back for the Grizzlies are 5-foot-9, 160-pound senior tailback Josh Stanley and senior wide

receiver Eric Workman (5-7, 150).

Stanley rushed for 1,047 yards on the season and scored more than 10 touchdowns while Workman caught 17 passes for 465 yards, including 10 touchdowns (five rushing, three receiving and two interceptions).

"Stanley is obviously one of our go-to guys," Morris said. "He had a good, solid year and didn't get going 'til the third week of the season. We have to get the ball to him as well as Workman."

Other skilled position players on the offense include junior quarter-

back Chase Smith (6-1, 175), senior fullback Tim Kiser and sophomore tight end Donovan Crum.

On the offensive line are junior guard Wayne Taylor, senior tackle Carl Johnson, junior center D.J. Williams, senior guard Bo Corbitt, and junior tackle Harrison Hieb.

Anchoring the defensive line are sophomore nose tackle Nathan Gregory, senior defensive end Adam Bryant and junior defensive end Seth Darby.

Heading up the linebackers are sophomores Ryan Key and Joe Deal and senior L.B. Hinkle.

The secondary appears to be one of the team's major strengths with Workman, sophomore Gary Roach (5-10, 155) and a pair of seniors in Tyler Adkins (5-10, 150) and Alex Hughes (6-1, 175). Senior Aaron Childers will handle the kicking duties.

"We are still relatively inexperienced so our goal is to try and have a winning season, do well in conference, and hopefully make the playoffs," Morris said. "Even though we may take some bumps along the way early, we're going to look to improve each game."

Webster looking to continue late-season momentum

By Tommy R. Atkinson

The Highlanders, who won three of their last four games last season, hope to keep the momentum going.

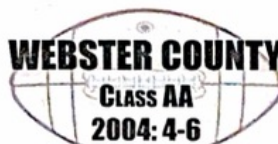
"We're going to be kind of young and inexperienced," said eighth-year Webster coach A.J. Rogers, "but I feel really good about the attitudes and work ethic. Our plans are always to be in the playoffs. We just have people believing we should be a playoff team every year. We just expect to win. I feel we

have a good shot at it."

Rogers, who had his first losing season in seven years, will lean heavily on quarterback Paul Perrine and running back Matt Smalley.

Perrine, a 6-foot-2, 200-pound senior, played backup last year but is an all-around athlete. He earned Class AA first-team all-state honors as a punter and also played linebacker last year. Smalley, a 5-10, 180-pound junior tailback, chewed up about 900 yards last season.

The offensive line returns intact with senior left tackle Rondell



Rhodes (6-1, 265), senior right tackle Joe Knight (6-1, 255), junior center Mike Tyler (6-1, 195), junior right guard Anthony Carpenter (6-0, 190), junior left guard Jamie Salisbury (5-10, 190) and junior

tight ends Wes Miller (6-0, 215) and Nathan Westfall (5-11, 220). Junior wide receivers Ryan Schrader (5-10, 175) and Zach Crawford (6-3, 180) will help stretch the field.

On defense, Perrine (linebacker), senior cornerback Wes Prior (5-8, 140), Smalley and Schrader (safety), McCoy (cornerback), Miller, Carpenter and 5-10, 170-pound senior Raymond Abbott (defensive end), Westfall and Adams (defensive tackle) and McCourt (linebacker) are back.

Also vying for playing time will

be juniors Corey Adkins (5-8, 165), David McCourt (5-10, 185), Brock Adams (5-8, 185), Michael Carpenter (5-9, 140), Tommy Young (5-7, 135) and Scott Brown (5-8, 170) and sophomores Craig Wright (5-10, 165) and Chance McCoy (5-10, 170).

"A lot of it is going to depend on getting through some tough early-season games," Rogers said. "The good thing is our first three games are at home. Our schedule is working against us a little bit. It's awfully tough."

Pocahontas County expecting big things from QBs

By Mike Whiteford

As the Pocahontas Warriors look for their second straight playoff appearance, the quarterback position looks like a strength.

It also should be a position of depth, variety, unpredictability and versatility.

The Warriors plan to use two senior quarterbacks, both of whom saw extensive duty last year. Mark Burdette (6-foot-2, 180 pounds) runs the option, threw for 700 yards in six games and is the

team's "all-around guy," said coach Mike Knisely. Curtis Dunbrack (6-7, 210) is more of a drop-back passer who started four games last year during Burdette's recovery from an injury.

When not playing quarterback, each one is likely to be on the field as part of the offense.

"We like to change things up," said Knisely. "Mark could catch some passes from Curtis, and Curtis could catch some passes from Mark."

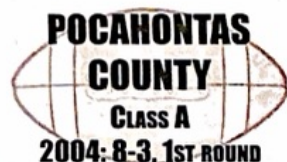
The Warriors posted an 8-2 regular-season record last year but

fell to Wahama in the first round of the Class A playoffs. It was the school's first postseason football appearance since 1993.

Only three starters are gone from that team, fueling optimism the Warriors will again be solid.

"There's a lot of potential," said Knisely, who is beginning his fifth season. "A majority of our skill people are back, and that means a lot, especially in single-A. And all of them are pretty good players."

Complementing the QB position will be running back Jesse Burdette



(5-10, 180, junior), who rushed for more than 1,200 yards. He also plays defensive back.

Other returning starters are lineman Clay Baxter (5-10, 180, senior),

lineman Jacob Bennett (6-4, 250, senior), lineman Aaron Pugh (6-3, 260, junior), offensive lineman/linebacker Chance Walpher (6-0, 180, senior), defensive back Damon Brock (5-8, 140, senior), linebacker Justin Arbogast (5-10, 185, junior), defensive back Cyrus Bennett (5-10, 170, sophomore) and tight end Adam Withers (6-2, 190, senior).

The Warriors have made progress in Knisely's four seasons. They were 2-8 and had just 15 players in 2001 and were 2-8 again the following year. They were 6-4 in 2003.

Braxton County eager to continue ascent

By Mitch Vingle

Away from football, Braxton County coach Sterling Beane has ventured into the cattle business. On the field, he's looking to

"We're making progress. We knew after losing 15 seniors that we'd have a major rebuilding job."

Braxton coach Sterling Beane

milk another Class AA playoff appearance from a program that's steadily been rising. Last season, the Eagles went 10-2 and lost to Wayne in the second round of the playoffs.

"This year, our strength is a good attitude," Beane said. "Weightlifting has become a good part of this program. And although we only have a few starters back, a lot of our kids played quite a bit in our 10 wins. We'd get up and they'd get in. They were just behind seniors last year."

Beane had 48 try out for his team, but only four seniors. He



does, however, have 11 lettermen back from last season.

On offense, Braxton County has two starters back in senior center Josh Ratliff (5-foot-10, 195 pounds) and sophomore tackle Brian Henline, still growing, said Beane, at 6-4, 254 pounds. "Brian," said Beane,

"is in a class by himself."

Defensively, Jared Steiner returns, but will be making a switch from defensive tackle to middle linebacker. Steiner, a 6-0, 215-pound junior, also plays fullback.

Cody Riffe, a 6-0, 166-pound junior, is projected to be the starting tailback.

At quarterback, Nick Woods, a junior, is expected to hold off athletic freshman candidate Alex Valdivieso.

"We're kind of young," Beane said.

"We're making progress. We knew after losing 15 seniors that we'd have a major rebuilding job."

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First losing season in 12 years haunts Princeton

PRINCETON
CLASS AAA
2004: 2-8

By Tommy R. Atkinson

Things are looking up for the Tigers.

After posting its first losing record in 12 years last season, Princeton returns a year older and wiser.

"It just happened we had a small senior class and a lot of inexperienced players," said 17th-year Tigers coach Ted Spadaro. "If you play a weak schedule, you may get by, but not with what we play."

"We had an opportunity to win four or five games and didn't. You have experience and things seem to go a little better for you. When we regular-season practice began we were a lot further ahead compared to last year. The kids are working hard to better the program."

Chris Belcher, a 6-foot-3, 175-pound junior who passed for 585 yards and six TDs, returns at quarterback along with last year's top rusher, William Gardner, a 6-0, 175-pound senior who gained 688 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns.

"We had an opportunity to win four or five games and didn't."

Princeton coach Ted Spadaro

Also returning on offense are senior tight end Matt Cundiff (6-2, 240), senior tackle Gary Lusk (6-3, 295), senior tackle Jack Wood (6-2, 250), senior center Cody Johnson (6-5, 250), senior wide receiver Nick Hearld (6-1, 180), who caught seven passes for 134 yards and two scores last season, senior guard Ryan Tabor (5-11, 225), junior fullback Brandon Croy (5-10, 210), junior wide receiver Matt Gallimore (5-10, 190), junior guard Keith Taylor (6-2, 295) and junior halfback Marcus Hayes (5-9, 160),

who was lost midway through last season with a broken arm.

The defense also sports a healthy dose of returning players with Cundiff and Tabor at defensive end, Lusk, Wood, Johnson and Taylor at defensive tackle, Hearld, Croy and Gallimore at linebacker and Gardner and Hayes at defensive back.

Spadaro said senior wide receiver Mark Corvin (6-0, 150), senior offensive guard-linebacker Joseph Sandlin (6-0, 210), senior kicker Manuel Testa (5-10, 180), senior wide receiver-defensive back Evan Bay (6-1, 150), senior offense-defensive tackle Jason Ellison (5-10, 250), senior Mason Duncan (6-0, 190) and senior fullback-linebacker Michael Haynes (5-9, 175) should see lots of playing time.

Spadaro expects the passing game and defense to be much improved.

"We're going to throw a little more this year," said the veteran coach. "[The receivers] concentrate a lot more and they're not concerned with the footsteps they hear."

"I think the big difference is in our secondary. We have three of the four back. They're breaking much

better on the ball. They made a lot of mistakes back there last year [that] they're not making now."

BLUEFIELD
CLASS AA
2004: 14-0, STATE CHAMPION

By Jeff Rider

Bluefield coach Fred Simon's group will have a tough time duplicating last season's undefeated season, which culminated in a victory over Wayne in the state title game.

The Beavers return just four regulars and must replace starters at all the skill positions.

"We're definitely rebuilding," said Simon. "I like what I see, but I just don't know what to expect out of them."

The Beavers' experience rests with their linemen. Seniors Ryan Alberts (5-foot-11, 205 pounds), Jeff

"We're definitely rebuilding. I like what I see, but I just don't know what to expect out of them."

Bluefield coach Fred Simon

Hutchinson (6-2, 240) and Travis Steptoe (5-11, 225) will anchor both the offensive and defensive fronts, along with junior Allen Carter (6-1, 250).

Converted running back Jerome Powell (5-10, 175, jr.) will battle Eric McClanahan (5-10, 155, sophomore) for the starting quarterback job. Simon said Powell's ability to move with the ball has given him the inside track to start.

"It's going to take some time and some patience with this bunch," said Simon. "They've had a good attitude and they've had a good off-season. The seniors that left the program really showed them work ethic and a good attitude."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: RALEIGH COUNTY; NCAA SCHEDULES

Woodrow Wilson getting back to business

By Doug Smock

After suffering through an uncharacteristic 2-8 season, coach John H. Lilly isn't messing around with his troops.

"We're telling them life is about production, not potential," Lilly said. "People told them about how fast they are, how big they are, how strong they are. But the guys on the other sideline didn't care."

"Potential is the dirtiest word in sports."

This time around, "the guys on the sideline" will be members of the



Mountain State Athletic Conference, the stoutest league in the state. Then again, the Flying Eagles have six starters back on offense and eight on defense, and are experienced against top-flight competition.

Lilly is banking on a loaded backfield in his double wing-T to bring the Flying Eagles back to prominence. That group is led by sophomore Marquel Ali, a 5-foot-10, 183-pound speedster who finished second in the Class AAA 100- and 200-meter dashes in the state track meet.

Others include 5-10, 183-pound Blaine Mayo, who scored four touchdowns in the Eagles' final game, and Wesley Walker, a 5-11, 188-pound senior. The fullback is 6-1, 212-pound Emeka Eneje, the team's leading rusher the past two

years. After gaining 987 yards as a sophomore, a knee injury limited him to 363.

As of mid-August, the line included a pair of 313-pounders at tackle, 5-11 senior Mike Morris on the left side and 6-2 junior Micah Carter on the right. The guards are Austin PETERS (6-0, 212, senior) and Richard Stowers (6-1, 255, junior). Anchoring the unit is center Jacob Morris, a 6-0, 265-pound junior.

Quarterback is returning starter Ian McCulloch (6-2, 185). When he throws, his targets include senior Mike Lyons (6-4, 227) and senior

wide receiver Tyler Coleman (6-1, 187). Coleman is the younger brother of Marshall receiver Nate Mann.

On defense, the line will be anchored by platooning nose guard Kevin Baker (5-11, 245) and Devlon Patterson (6-3, 265, junior). They will play between ends Stowers and Eneje.

Adam Parkulo, a first-team all-state pick in both football and baseball, mans the inside linebacking duo with Peters and Lyons. The outside linebackers are returning starter Bryan Price (5-11, 165, senior) and Walker.

TEAM-BY-TEAM NCAA FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

AIR FORCE

Sep. 3 at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 San Diego St., TBA
Sep. 17 Wyoming, TBA
Sep. 22 at Utah, 7:30 p.m.
Sep. 29 at Colorado St., 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Navy, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 UNLV, TBA
Oct. 22 TCU, 3 p.m.
Oct. 29 at BYU, 3 p.m.
Nov. 5 Army, 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 19 at New Mexico, TBA

ARKON

Sep. 10 at Purdue, 1 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Middle Tennessee, 5 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Illinois, 6 p.m.
Oct. 1 Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Buffalo, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Oct. 22 Army, 6 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Bowling Green, 4 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Ball St., 2 p.m.
Nov. 15 Ohio, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24 Kent St., 10 a.m.

ALABAMA

Sep. 3 Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Southern Miss., 7:45 p.m.
Sep. 17 at South Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 Arkansas, TBA
Oct. 1 Florida, TBA
Oct. 15 at Mississippi, TBA
Oct. 22 Tennessee, TBA
Oct. 29 Utah St., TBA
Nov. 5 at Mississippi St., TBA
Nov. 12 LSU, TBA
Nov. 19 at Auburn, TBA

ARIZONA

Sep. 2 at Utah, 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 N. Arizona, 10 p.m.
Sep. 17 Purdue, 10 p.m.
Oct. 1 at California, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Southern Cal, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Stanford, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 Oregon, 7 p.m.

Oct. 29 at Oregon St., 4 p.m.
Nov. 5 UCLA, 7 p.m.
Nov. 12 Washington, 6 p.m.
Nov. 25 at Arizona St., 3 p.m.

ARIZONA ST.

Sep. 1 Temple, 10 p.m.
Sep. 10 at LSU, 8:45 p.m.
Sep. 17 Northwestern, 10 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Oregon St., 10 p.m.
Oct. 1 Southern Cal, TBA
Oct. 8 Oregon, 10 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Stanford, 5 p.m.
Oct. 29 Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Washington St., TBA
Nov. 12 at UCLA, 7 p.m.
Nov. 25 Arizona, 3 p.m.

ARKANSAS

Sep. 3 Missouri St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Southern Cal, 10:15 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Alabama, TBA
Oct. 8 Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Auburn, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Georgia, TBA
Nov. 5 South Carolina, 2 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Mississippi, TBA
Nov. 19 Mississippi St., 2 p.m.
Nov. 25 at LSU, 2:30 p.m.

ARKANSAS ST.

Sep. 3 at Missouri, Noon
Sep. 10 Tenn.-Martin, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 24 Fla. International, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
Oct. 13 Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 Florida Atlantic, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Middle Tennessee, 5 p.m.
Nov. 12 Troy, 7 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Army, 1 p.m.
Nov. 26 at North Texas, 2 p.m.

ARMY

Sep. 10 at Boston College, 12:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Baylor, 3 p.m.
Sep. 23 Iowa St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 1 Connecticut, 1 p.m.
Oct. 8 Cent. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Oct. 15 at TCU, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Akron, 6 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Air Force, 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 Massachusetts, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 Arkansas St., 1 p.m.
Dec. 3 at Navy, 2:30 p.m.

AUBURN

Sep. 3 Georgia Tech, 8:45 p.m.
Sep. 10 Mississippi St., 12:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Ball St., 2:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 W. Kentucky, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 South Carolina, TBA
Oct. 15 at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at LSU, TBA
Oct. 29 Mississippi, TBA
Nov. 5 at Kentucky, TBA

Nov. 12 at Georgia, TBA
Nov. 19 Alabama, TBA

BYU

Sep. 3 Boston College, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 E. Illinois, TBA
Sep. 24 TCU, 3 p.m.
Oct. 1 at San Diego St., 10 p.m.
Oct. 8 at New Mexico, TBA
Oct. 15 Colorado St., TBA
Oct. 22 at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 Air Force, 3 p.m.
Nov. 5 at UNLV, TBA
Nov. 12 at Wyoming, TBA
Nov. 19 Utah, TBA

BALL ST.

Sep. 3 at Iowa, Noon
Sep. 10 Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Auburn, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Boston College, 2 p.m.
Oct. 8 at W. Michigan, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Toledo, 3 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Ohio, 2 p.m.
Oct. 29 at N. Illinois, 4 p.m.
Nov. 5 Akron, 2 p.m.
Nov. 12 at E. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 Cent. Michigan, Noon

BAYLOR

Sep. 3 at SMU, 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 Samford, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Army, 3 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Texas A&M, TBA
Oct. 8 at Iowa St., TBA
Oct. 15 Nebraska, TBA
Oct. 22 at Oklahoma, TBA
Oct. 29 Texas Tech, TBA
Nov. 5 Texas, TBA
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Nov. 19 Oklahoma St., TBA

BOISE ST.

Sep. 3 at Georgia, 5:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Oregon St., 6:30 p.m.
Sep. 21 Bowling Green, 8 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Hawaii, 12:05 a.m.
Oct. 8 Portland St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 15 San Jose St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Utah St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 29 Nevada, 3 p.m.
Nov. 5 New Mexico St., 3 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Fresno St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 19 Idaho, 3 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Sep. 3 at BYU, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 Army, 12:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Florida St., TBA
Sep. 24 at Clemson, TBA
Oct. 1 Ball St., 2 p.m.
Oct. 8 Virginia, TBA
Oct. 15 Wake Forest, TBA
Oct. 27 at Virginia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 at North Carolina, TBA
Nov. 12 N.C. State, TBA
Nov. 19 at Maryland, TBA

BOWLING GREEN

Sep. 3 at Wisconsin, Noon
Sep. 10 at Ball St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 21 at Boise St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 1 Temple, 4 p.m.
Oct. 8 Ohio, 6 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Buffalo, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 W. Michigan, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 Akron, 4 p.m.

Nov. 5 at Kent St., 1 p.m.
Nov. 15 at Miami (Ohio), 7 p.m.
Nov. 22 Toledo, 7 p.m.

BUFFALO

Sep. 1 at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Syracuse, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Oct. 1 at W. Michigan, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 Akron, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Bowling Green, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Toledo, 7 p.m.
Oct. 29 Ohio, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Kent St., 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 E. Michigan, 1:30 p.m.

CALIFORNIA

Sep. 3 Sacramento St., 5 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Illinois, 5 p.m.
Sep. 23 at New Mexico St., 10 p.m.
Oct. 1 Arizona, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 at UCLA, TBA
Oct. 15 Oregon St., TBA
Oct. 22 Washington St., TBA
Nov. 5 at Oregon, 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 Southern Cal, TBA
Nov. 19 at Stanford, 7 p.m.

CENT. MICHIGAN

Sep. 2 Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Penn St., 1:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 E. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Akron, 6 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Army, 1 p.m.
Oct. 15 Ohio, 1 p.m.
Oct. 29 Toledo, 1 p.m.
Nov. 5 N. Illinois, 1 p.m.
Nov. 12 at W. Michigan, 2 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Ball St., Noon

CINCINNATI

Sep. 1 E. Michigan, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Penn St., Noon
Sep. 17 W. Carolina, 7 p.m.
Sep. 28 at Miami (Ohio), 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Pittsburgh, TBA
Oct. 15 Connecticut, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 Louisville, 7 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Syracuse, Noon
Nov. 9 West Virginia, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19 at South Florida, Noon
Nov. 26 at Rutgers, TBA

CLEMSON

Sep. 3 Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Maryland, Noon
Sep. 17 Miami, TBA
Sep. 24 Boston College, TBA
Oct. 1 at Wake Forest, TBA
Oct. 13 at N.C. State, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 Temple, TBA
Oct. 29 at Georgia Tech, TBA
Nov. 5 Duke, TBA
Nov. 12 Florida St., TBA
Nov. 19 at South Carolina, TBA

COLORADO

Sep. 3 Colorado St., 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 New Mexico St., 10 p.m.
Sep. 21 at Miami, TBA
Oct. 1 at Oklahoma St., TBA
Oct. 8 Texas A&M, TBA
Oct. 15 at Texas, TBA
Oct. 22 W. Michigan, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Kansas St., TBA

Nov. 5 Missouri, TBA
Nov. 12 at Iowa St., TBA
Nov. 25 Nebraska, 3:30 p.m.

COLORADO ST.

Sep. 3 at Colorado, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Sep. 24 Nevada, 6 p.m.
Sep. 29 Air Force, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 Utah, 3 p.m.
Oct. 15 at BYU, TBA
Oct. 22 Wyoming, TBA
Oct. 28 at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Nov. 5 at TCU, 7 p.m.
Nov. 12 San Diego St., TBA
Nov. 19 at UNLV, TBA

CONNECTICUT

Sep. 1 Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 Liberty, Noon
Sep. 17 at Georgia Tech, 6:45 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Army, 1 p.m.
Oct. 7 Syracuse, 8 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Cincinnati, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 Rutgers, TBA
Nov. 2 at West Virginia, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh, TBA
Nov. 26 South Florida, TBA
Dec. 3 Louisville, TBA

DUKE

Sep. 3 at East Carolina, 1 p.m.
Sep. 10 Virginia Tech, Noon
Sep. 17 VMI, 1 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Virginia, Noon
Oct. 1 Navy, TBA
Oct. 8 at Miami, TBA
Oct. 15 Georgia Tech, TBA
Oct. 22 Florida St., TBA
Oct. 29 Wake Forest, TBA
Nov. 5 at Clemson, TBA
Nov. 19 at North Carolina, TBA

E. MICHIGAN

Sep. 1 at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Louisiana-Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Michigan, Noon
Sep. 24 at Cent. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Oct. 1 Kent St., 2 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Toledo, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at N. Illinois, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Nov. 5 W. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Nov. 12 Ball St., 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Buffalo, 1:30 p.m.

EAST CAROLINA

Sep. 3 Duke, 1 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 at West Virginia, Noon
Oct. 1 Southern Miss., 6 p.m.
Oct. 8 Rice, 6 p.m.
Oct. 15 at SMU, 3 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Memphis, 2 p.m.
Oct. 29 UCF, 2 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Tulsa, 3 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Marshall, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 26 UAB, Noon

FLA. INTERNATIONAL

Sep. 3 at Kansas St., 2 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Arkansas St., 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 Florida A&M, 6 p.m.
Oct. 15 North Texas, 6 p.m.

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Point Pleasant looking to get over the .500 hump

By Rick Ryan

Point Pleasant would like to break out of its rut.

The Big Blacks have gone 5-5 each of the past three seasons, perhaps just one victory from securing a spot in the playoffs. In fact,

Point hasn't had a winning record since 2000 and hasn't been in the postseason since 1998.

Veteran coach Steve Safford



would like to see that change this year and he's got 11 starters and 17 lettermen returning who can help achieve that goal.

"We do return quite a few skill people," Safford said. "We're hoping some of the other kids we've got back will step in and work with the lettermen."

Perhaps the key returnee will be junior quarterback James Casto (5-foot-10, 157 pounds), who started the final five games in 2004. Casto alternated last year with Justin Sheline, who chose not to play this season.

Casto completed 17-of-48 attempts for 212 yards and one touchdown out of Point's wing-T attack.

"We have not been a great throwing team in the past," Safford said, "but I think we'll be able to throw the ball a little more effectively because we've got kids who can catch."

Safford hopes swift senior Travis Riffle (5-10, 145) provides some big plays in the passing game. Riffle led the team in receiving a year ago with eight catches for 132 yards. His three touchdowns came on a 50-yard catch and kickoff returns of 92 and 90 yards.

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Steve Safford

"He's got pretty good speed," Safford said. "We clocked him at 4.3 [seconds] in the 40 [when practice started]. He's worked on his speed all summer. We may try to get him more involved in carrying the ball, too."

Senior Seth Beckner (5-8, 135) is also an experienced receiver.

The Big Blacks must start over with their running game, as their top two rushers from last were seniors. Junior Jarod Stouffer (6-1, 180) figures to get carries, as will senior Brandon Warner (6-0, 170) and sophomore Mark Fooce (5-10, 203). Warner will also serve as the backup QB.

"If we can utilize Beckner and Riffle some in the backfield, along with the Fooce kid, we think we can have a pretty solid ballclub," Safford said.

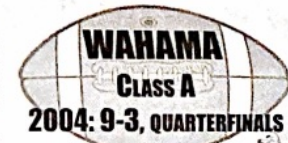
"We're going to use the quarterback position to run the ball, too, because Casto and Warner are also pretty decent runners."

Senior tackle Heath Shirley (6-3, 251) returns to the offensive line, as does senior center Mark Wroten (5-11, 200). Another senior, Chris Casey (5-8, 186) figures to plug into one guard position. Safford likes his two senior tight ends, Dewey Wroten (5-10, 228) and Bobby Errett (5-11, 212). Dewey Wroten was ticketed to start last year, but battled a staph infection.

Along the defensive front, Casey returns to one tackle position and sophomore John Hipes (5-11, 255) to the other. Other D-line candidates are Fooce, Shirley, Errett and Dewey Wroten.

Stouffer is set at one linebacker spot. Experienced candidates in the secondary include Riffle, Beckner and Warner, who started at one corner a year ago.

"We're changing our look a little bit defensively," Safford said. "Basically, we're still a '50' defense, but we've got a little different personnel than we're used to having."



By Doug Smock

The bad news: Wahama coach Ed Cromley lost 11 seniors from his 9-3 team that lost to eventual Class A champion Wheeling Central in the quarterfinals.

The good news: He has a senior class of 17, out of 41 coming out.

More bad news: The White Falcons lost two 1,000-yard rushers in Jeshua Branch and Johnny Barton, plus quarterback Chad Zerkle.

The same good news: There is experience all around.

Senior Brandon Fowler (5-foot-10, 170 pounds) will take over the rushing duties, and he'll have a big line to work with, by Class A standards. That includes three seniors: Clay Roush (6-2, 225), Nathan Dingery (6-4, 231) and Justin Bell (5-9, 240).

Other seniors include running back Lucas Litchfield (5-10, 170), end/linebacker Kam Sayre (6-1, 190) and receivers Chase Ord (5-11, 170) and Nathan Damm (pronounced "Dahm," 6-0, 170).

Junior Brenton Clark (6-0, 160) likely takes over at quarterback, with another junior, Kris Gibbs (6-0, 165), joining the running-back committee.



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Oct. 20 at Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 Middle Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Louisiana-Monroe, 4 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Nov. 19 W. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Florida Atlantic, 6 p.m.

FLORIDA

Sep. 3 Wyoming, 6 p.m.
Sep. 10 Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
Sep. 17 Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Kentucky, TBA
Oct. 1 at Alabama, TBA
Oct. 8 Mississippi St., TBA
Oct. 15 at LSU, TBA
Oct. 29 at Georgia, TBA
Nov. 5 Vanderbilt, TBA
Nov. 12 at South Carolina, TBA
Nov. 26 Florida St., 3:30 p.m.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC

Sep. 3 at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Sep. 8 Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Minnesota, TBA
Sep. 22 Louisiana-Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Louisville, Noon
Oct. 8 at Louisiana-Lafayette, 8 p.m.
Oct. 15 Middle Tennessee, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Arkansas St., 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Troy, 3 p.m.
Nov. 12 North Texas, 4 p.m.
Nov. 26 Fla. International, 6 p.m.

FLORIDA ST.

Sep. 5 Miami, 6 p.m.
Sep. 10 The Citadel, 6:45 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Boston College, TBA
Oct. 1 Syracuse, TBA
Oct. 8 Wake Forest, TBA
Oct. 15 at Virginia, TBA
Oct. 22 at Duke, TBA
Oct. 29 Maryland, TBA
Nov. 5 N.C. State, TBA
Nov. 12 at Clemson, TBA
Nov. 26 at Florida, 3:30 p.m.

FRESNO ST.

Sep. 10 Weber St., 10 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Oregon, 7 p.m.
Sep. 27 Toledo, 9 p.m.
Oct. 8 at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 15 Utah St., 10 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Idaho, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Hawaii, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 San Jose St., 9 p.m.
Nov. 10 Boise St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Southern Cal., 10:15 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Nevada, 4 p.m.
Dec. 2 Louisiana Tech, 9 p.m.

GEORGIA

Sep. 3 Boise St., 5:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 South Carolina, 5:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Louisiana-Monroe, 1 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Mississippi St., TBA
Oct. 8 at Tennessee, TBA
Oct. 15 at Vanderbilt, 2 p.m.
Oct. 22 Arkansas, TBA
Oct. 29 Florida, TBA
Nov. 12 Auburn, TBA
Nov. 19 Kentucky, TBA
Nov. 26 at Georgia Tech, TBA

GEORGIA TECH

Sep. 3 at Auburn, 8:45 p.m.
Sep. 10 North Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Connecticut, 6:45 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Virginia Tech, TBA
Oct. 6 N.C. State, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Duke, TBA
Oct. 22 at Miami, TBA
Oct. 29 Clemson, TBA
Nov. 5 Wake Forest, TBA
Nov. 12 at Virginia, TBA
Nov. 26 Georgia, TBA

HAWAII

Sep. 3 Southern Cal., 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Michigan St., 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Idaho, 4 p.m.
Oct. 1 Boise St., 12:05 a.m.
Oct. 8 at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 New Mexico St., 12:05 a.m.
Oct. 22 at San Jose St., 6 p.m.
Oct. 29 Fresno St., 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Nevada, 4 p.m.
Nov. 12 Utah St., 11 p.m.
Nov. 25 Wisconsin, 9 p.m.
Dec. 3 San Diego St., 11 p.m.

HOUSTON

Sep. 1 Oregon, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Sam Houston St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 16 at UTEP, 8 p.m.

Sep. 24 Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Memphis, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Mississippi St., 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 at UCF, 4 p.m.
Nov. 12 SMU, 7 p.m.
Nov. 26 Rice, 3 p.m.

IDAHO

Sep. 1 at Washington St., 9 p.m.
Sep. 10 at UNLV, TBA
Sep. 17 at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 Hawaii, 4 p.m.
Oct. 1 Utah St., 4 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Nevada, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 Fresno St., 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 12 Louisiana Tech, 5 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Boise St., 3 p.m.
Nov. 26 at San Jose St., 6 p.m.

ILLINOIS

Sep. 3 Rutgers, Noon
Sep. 10 San Jose St., 2 p.m.
Sep. 17 at California, 5 p.m.
Sep. 24 Michigan St., TBA
Oct. 1 at Iowa, TBA
Oct. 8 at Indiana, TBA
Oct. 22 Penn St., 7 p.m.
Oct. 29 Wisconsin, TBA
Nov. 5 at Ohio St., TBA
Nov. 12 at Purdue, TBA
Nov. 19 Northwestern, TBA

INDIANA

Sep. 2 at Cent. Michigan, 7:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 Nicholls St., 5 p.m.
Sep. 17 Kentucky, 6:45 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Wisconsin, TBA
Oct. 8 Illinois, TBA
Oct. 15 at Iowa, TBA
Oct. 22 Ohio St., TBA
Oct. 29 at Michigan St., TBA
Nov. 5 Minnesota, TBA
Nov. 12 at Michigan, TBA
Nov. 19 Purdue, TBA

IOWA

Sep. 3 Ball St., Noon
Sep. 10 at Iowa St., 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 N. Iowa, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Ohio St., TBA
Oct. 1 Illinois, TBA
Oct. 8 at Purdue, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Indiana, TBA
Oct. 22 Michigan, TBA
Nov. 5 at Northwestern, TBA
Nov. 12 at Wisconsin, TBA
Nov. 19 Minnesota, TBA

IOWA ST.

Sep. 3 Illinois St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Iowa, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 23 at Army, 8 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Nebraska, TBA
Oct. 8 Baylor, TBA
Oct. 15 at Missouri, TBA
Oct. 22 Oklahoma St., TBA
Oct. 29 at Texas A&M, TBA
Nov. 5 Kansas St., TBA
Nov. 12 Colorado, TBA
Nov. 26 at Kansas, 12:30 p.m.

KANSAS

Sep. 3 Florida Atlantic, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Appalachian St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Texas Tech, 8 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Kansas St., TBA
Oct. 15 at Oklahoma, TBA
Oct. 22 at Colorado, TBA
Oct. 29 Missouri, TBA
Nov. 5 Nebraska, TBA
Nov. 12 at Texas, TBA
Nov. 26 Iowa St., 12:30 p.m.

KANSAS ST.

Sep. 3 Fla. International, 2 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Marshall, 10:30 a.m.
Sep. 24 North Texas, 2 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Oklahoma, TBA
Oct. 8 Kansas, TBA
Oct. 15 at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 Texas A&M, TBA
Oct. 29 Colorado, TBA
Nov. 5 at Iowa St., TBA
Nov. 12 at Nebraska, TBA
Nov. 19 Missouri, TBA

KENT ST.

Sep. 3 at Michigan St., Noon
Sep. 10 SE Missouri, 4 p.m.
Sep. 17 Miami (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Ohio, 2 p.m.
Oct. 1 at E. Michigan, 2 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Navy, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 N. Illinois, 1 p.m.
Oct. 29 at W. Michigan, 2 p.m.
Nov. 5 Bowling Green, 1 p.m.
Nov. 12 Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Nov. 24 at Akron, 10 a.m.

KENTUCKY

Sep. 4 Louisville, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 Idaho St., 6 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Indiana, 6:45 p.m.
Sep. 24 Florida, TBA
Oct. 8 at South Carolina, TBA
Oct. 22 at Mississippi, TBA
Oct. 29 Mississippi St., TBA
Nov. 5 Auburn, TBA
Nov. 12 at Vanderbilt, 2 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Georgia, TBA
Nov. 26 Tennessee, TBA

LSU

Sep. 3 North Texas, 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 Arizona St., 8:45 p.m.
Sep. 24 Tennessee, TBA
Oct. 1 at Mississippi St., TBA
Oct. 8 at Vanderbilt, 2 p.m.
Oct. 15 Florida, TBA
Oct. 22 Auburn, TBA
Nov. 5 Appalachian St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Alabama, TBA
Nov. 19 at Mississippi, TBA
Nov. 25 Arkansas, 2:30 p.m.

LOUISIANA TECH

Sep. 10 at Florida, 6 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 New Mexico St., 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 Hawaii, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Nevada, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 North Texas, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 San Jose St., 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Utah St., 3 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Idaho, 5 p.m.
Nov. 26 Boise St., 7 p.m.
Dec. 2 at Fresno St., 9 p.m.

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

Sep. 3 at Texas, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 at E. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Sep. 17 Northwestern St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 1 UCF, 8 p.m.
Oct. 8 Florida Atlantic, 8 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Arkansas St., 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Middle Tennessee, 5 p.m.
Oct. 29 Troy, 5 p.m.
Nov. 5 at North Texas, 7 p.m.
Nov. 12 Fla. International, 5 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Louisiana-Monroe, 5 p.m.

LOUISIANA-MONROE

Sep. 1 Northwestern St., 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Georgia, 1 p.m.
Sep. 22 at Florida Atlantic, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 Arkansas St., 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Troy, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 at North Texas, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 Fla. International, 4 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Middle Tennessee, TBA
Nov. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.

LOUISVILLE

Sep. 4 at Kentucky, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Oregon St., Noon
Sep. 24 at South Florida, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 Florida Atlantic, Noon
Oct. 8 North Carolina, TBA
Oct. 15 at West Virginia, TBA
Oct. 22 at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Nov. 3 Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11 Rutgers, 8 p.m.
Nov. 26 Syracuse, TBA
Dec. 3 at Connecticut, TBA

MARSHALL

Sep. 1 William & Mary, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Kansas St., 10:30 a.m.
Sep. 24 at UCF, 6 p.m.
Oct. 1 SMU, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Virginia Tech, TBA
Oct. 15 UAB, 5 p.m.
Oct. 22 at UTEP, 9 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 Southern Miss., 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19 East Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Memphis, 2 p.m.

MARYLAND

Sep. 3 at Navy, 6 p.m.
Sep. 10 Clemson, Noon
Sep. 17 West Virginia, Noon
Sep. 24 at Wake Forest, TBA
Oct. 1 Virginia, 1 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Temple, 1 p.m.
Oct. 20 Virginia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Florida St., TBA
Nov. 12 at North Carolina, TBA
Nov. 19 Boston College, TBA
Nov. 26 at N.C. State, TBA

MEMPHIS

Sep. 5 Mississippi, 4:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Chattanooga, 8 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 UTEP, 8 p.m.
Oct. 8 at UCF, 6 p.m.

Oct. 15 at Houston, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 East Carolina, 2 p.m.
Nov. 1 UAB, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Tennessee, 4 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
Nov. 26 Marshall, 2 p.m.

MIAMI

Sep. 5 at Florida St., 8 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Clemson, TBA
Sep. 24 Colorado, TBA
Oct. 1 South Florida, TBA
Oct. 8 Duke, TBA
Oct. 15 at Temple, 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 Georgia Tech, TBA
Oct. 29 North Carolina, TBA
Nov. 5 at Virginia Tech, TBA
Nov. 17 at Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 26 Virginia, TBA

MIAMI (OHIO)

Sep. 3 at Ohio St., Noon
Sep. 10 Cent. Michigan, 2 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Kent St., 4 p.m.
Sep. 28 Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 at N. Illinois, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Akron, 2 p.m.
Oct. 22 at E. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Temple, 1 p.m.
Nov. 5 Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Nov. 15 Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
Nov. 21 at Ohio, 7:30 p.m.

MICHIGAN

Sep. 3 N. Illinois, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 Notre Dame, Noon
Sep. 17 E. Michigan, Noon
Sep. 24 at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Michigan St., TBA
Oct. 8 Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Oct. 15 Penn St., TBA
Oct. 22 at Iowa, TBA
Oct. 29 at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
Nov. 12 Indiana, TBA
Nov. 19 Ohio St., TBA

MICHIGAN ST.

Sep. 3 Kent St., Noon
Sep. 10 Hawaii, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Illinois, TBA
Oct. 1 Michigan, TBA
Oct. 15 at Ohio St., TBA
Oct. 22 Northwestern, TBA
Oct. 29 Indiana, TBA
Nov. 5 at Purdue, TBA
Nov. 12 at Minnesota, TBA
Nov. 19 Penn St., TBA

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Sep. 3 at Alabama, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 North Texas, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 Akron, 5 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Florida Atlantic, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Fla. International, 6 p.m.
Nov. 5 Arkansas St., 5 p.m.
Nov. 12 Louisiana-Monroe, TBA
Nov. 19 at N.C. State, 1 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Troy, 7 p.m.

MINNESOTA

Sep. 1 at Tulsa, 10:15 p.m.
Sep. 10 Colorado St., 2 p.m.
Sep. 17 Florida Atlantic, TBA
Sep. 24 Purdue, TBA
Oct. 1 at Penn St., TBA
Oct. 8 at Michigan, 1 p.m.
Oct. 15 Wisconsin, TBA
Oct. 29 Ohio St., TBA
Nov. 5 at Indiana, TBA
Nov. 12 Michigan St., TBA
Nov. 19 at Iowa, TBA

MISSISSIPPI

Sep. 5 at Memphis, 4:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Vanderbilt, 12:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 Wyoming, TBA
Oct. 1 at Tennessee, TBA
Oct. 8 The Citadel, TBA
Oct. 15 Alabama, TBA
Oct. 22 Kentucky, TBA
Oct. 29 at Auburn, TBA
Nov. 12 Arkansas, TBA
Nov. 19 LSU, TBA
Nov. 26 at Mississippi St., TBA

MISSISSIPPI ST.

Sep. 3 Murray St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Auburn, 12:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Tulane, 8 p.m.
Sep. 24 Georgia, TBA
Oct. 1 LSU, TBA
Oct. 8 at Florida, TBA
Oct. 22 Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Kentucky, TBA
Nov. 5 Alabama, TBA
Nov. 19 at Arkansas, 2 p.m.
Nov. 26 Mississippi, TBA

MISSOURI

Sep. 3 Arkansas St., Noon
Sep. 10 New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 Troy, 2 p.m.
Oct. 1 Texas, TBA
Oct. 15 at Oklahoma St., TBA
Oct. 22 Iowa St., TBA
Oct. 29 Nebraska, TBA
Nov. 5 at Kansas, TBA
Nov. 12 Baylor, TBA
Nov. 19 at Kansas St., TBA

N. ILLINOIS

Sep. 3 at Michigan, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Northwestern, 4 p.m.
Sep. 17 Tennessee Tech, 4 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Akron, 6 p.m.
Oct. 5 Miami (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 E. Michigan, 4 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Kent St., 1 p.m.
Oct. 29 Ball St., 4 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Cent. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Nov. 16 at Toledo, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23 W. Michigan, 1:30 p.m.

N.C. STATE

Sep. 4 Virginia Tech, 7:15 p.m.
Sep. 17 E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Sep. 24 North Carolina, TBA
Oct. 6 at Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 Clemson, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Wake Forest, TBA
Oct. 29 Southern Miss., 1 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Florida St., TBA
Nov. 12 at Boston College, TBA
Nov. 19 Middle Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Nov. 26 Maryland, TBA

NAVY

Sep. 3 Maryland, 6 p.m.
Sep. 10 Stanford, 6 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Rice, 8 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Duke, TBA
Oct. 8 Air Force, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 Kent St., 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Rutgers, TBA
Nov. 5 Tulane, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Notre Dame, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 Temple, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 3 Army, 2:30 p.m.

NEBRASKA

Sep. 3 Maine, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 Iowa St., TBA
Oct. 8 Texas Tech, TBA
Oct. 15 at Baylor, TBA
Oct. 22 at Missouri, TBA
Oct. 29 Oklahoma, Noon
Nov. 5 at Kansas, TBA
Nov. 12 Kansas St., TBA
Nov. 25 at Colorado, 3:30 p.m.

NEVADA

Sep. 9 Washington St., 10 p.m.
Sep. 17 UNLV, 10 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Colorado St., 6 p.m.
Oct. 1 at San Jose St., 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 Idaho, 4 p.m.
Oct. 15 Louisiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Boise St., 3 p.m.
Nov. 5 Hawaii, 4 p.m.
Nov. 12 at New Mexico St., 4 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Utah St., 3 p.m.
Nov. 26 Fresno St., 4 p.m.

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08/26	St. Albans	A
09/09	Ripley	A
09/16	Princeton	A
09/23	Greenbrier East	H
09/30	Cabell Midland	H
10/07	George Washington	A
10/14	Riverside	A
10/21	Spring Valley	A
10/28	Huntington	H
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NEW MEXICO

Sep. 5 UNLV, 1 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Missouri, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
Sep. 24 at UTEP, 9 p.m.
Oct. 1 at TCU, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 BYU, TBA
Oct. 15 at Wyoming, TBA
Oct. 22 at San Diego St., TBA
Oct. 28 Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Utah, TBA
Nov. 19 Air Force, TBA
NEW MEXICO ST.
Sep. 3 UTEP, 10:30 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Sep. 17 at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Sep. 23 California, 10 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 Fresno St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Hawaii, 12:05 a.m.
Oct. 29 Idaho, 8 p.m.
Nov. 5 at Boise St., 3 p.m.

Nov. 12 Nevada, 4 p.m.
Nov. 19 at San Jose St., 6 p.m.
Nov. 26 Utah St., 4 p.m.
NORTH CAROLINA
Sep. 10 at Georgia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Sep. 24 at N.C. State, TBA
Oct. 1 Utah, TBA
Oct. 8 at Louisville, TBA
Oct. 22 Virginia, TBA
Oct. 29 at Miami, TBA
Nov. 5 Boston College, TBA
Nov. 12 Maryland, TBA
Nov. 19 Duke, TBA
Nov. 26 at Virginia Tech, TBA
NORTH TEXAS
Sep. 3 at LSU, 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Kansas St., 2 p.m.
Oct. 4 Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Fla. International, 6 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Louisiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29 Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Florida Atlantic, 3 p.m.
Nov. 26 Arkansas St., 2 p.m.
NORTHWESTERN
Sep. 3 Ohio, Noon

Sep. 10 N. Illinois, 4 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Arizona St., 10 p.m.
Sep. 24 Penn St., TBA
Oct. 8 Wisconsin, TBA
Oct. 15 at Purdue, 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Michigan St., TBA
Oct. 29 Michigan, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 Iowa, TBA
Nov. 12 at Ohio St., TBA
Nov. 19 at Illinois, TBA
NOTRE DAME
Sep. 3 at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Sep. 10 at Michigan, Noon
Sep. 17 Michigan St., 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Purdue, TBA
Oct. 15 Southern Cal, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 BYU, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 Tennessee, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 Navy, 1 p.m.
Nov. 19 Syracuse, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 26 at Stanford, TBA
OHIO
Sep. 3 at Northwestern, Noon
Sep. 9 Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Sep. 17 at Virginia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 Kent St., 2 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.

Oct. 15 at Cent. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 Ball St., 2 p.m.
Oct. 29 at Buffalo, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 4 Toledo, 8 p.m.
Nov. 15 at Akron, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 21 Miami (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
OHIO ST.
Sep. 3 Miami (Ohio), Noon
Sep. 10 Texas, 8 p.m.
Sep. 17 San Diego St., 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24 Iowa, TBA
Oct. 8 at Penn St., 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Michigan St., TBA
Oct. 22 at Indiana, TBA
Oct. 29 at Minnesota, TBA
Nov. 5 Illinois, TBA
Nov. 12 Northwestern, TBA
Nov. 19 at Michigan, TBA
OKLAHOMA
Sep. 3 TCU, Noon
Sep. 10 Tulsa, 12:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 at UCLA, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 1 Kansas St., TBA
Oct. 8 at Texas, 1 p.m.
Oct. 15 Kansas, TBA
Oct. 22 Baylor, TBA
Oct. 29 at Nebraska, Noon
Nov. 12 Texas A&M, TBA

Nov. 19 at Texas Tech, 2 p.m.
Nov. 26 Oklahoma St., TBA
OKLAHOMA ST.
Sep. 3 Montana St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 8 at Florida Atlantic, 7 p.m.
Sep. 17 Arkansas St., 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 Colorado, TBA
Oct. 8 Missouri, TBA
Oct. 15 at Texas A&M, TBA
Oct. 22 at Iowa St., TBA
Oct. 29 Texas, TBA
Nov. 12 Texas Tech, TBA
Nov. 19 at Baylor, TBA
Nov. 26 at Oklahoma, TBA
OREGON
Sep. 1 at Houston, 7 p.m.
Sep. 10 Montana, 3:30 p.m.
Sep. 17 Fresno St., 7 p.m.
Sep. 24 Southern Cal, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Stanford, 5 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Arizona St., 10 p.m.
Oct. 15 Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 California, 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 at Washington St., 10:15 p.m.

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Nov. 19 Oregon St., 6:45 p.m.
OREGON ST.
 Sep. 3 Portland St., 6 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Boise St., 6:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Louisville, Noon
 Sep. 24 Arizona St., 10 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Washington St., TBA
 Oct. 15 at California, TBA
 Oct. 22 at UCLA, TBA
 Oct. 29 Arizona, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Stanford, TBA
 Nov. 19 at Oregon, 6:45 p.m.
PENN ST.
 Sep. 3 South Florida, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Cincinnati, Noon
 Sep. 17 Cent. Michigan, 1:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at Northwestern, TBA
 Oct. 1 Minnesota, TBA
 Oct. 8 Ohio St., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Michigan, TBA
 Oct. 22 at Illinois, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 29 Purdue, TBA
 Nov. 5 Wisconsin, TBA
 Nov. 19 at Michigan St., TBA
PITTSBURGH
 Sep. 3 Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
 Sep. 9 at Ohio, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Nebraska, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Youngstown St., TBA
 Sep. 30 at Rutgers, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 8 Cincinnati, TBA
 Oct. 15 South Florida, TBA
 Nov. 22 Syracuse, TBA
 Nov. 23 at Louisville, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Connecticut, TBA
 Nov. 24 at West Virginia, 8 p.m.
PURDUE
 Sep. 10 Akron, 1 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Arizona, 1 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at Minnesota, TBA
 Oct. 1 Notre Dame, TBA
 Oct. 8 Iowa, 4:30 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Northwestern, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Penn St., TBA
 Nov. 5 Michigan St., TBA
 Nov. 12 Illinois, TBA
 Nov. 19 at Indiana, TBA
RICE
 Sep. 10 at UCLA, 10 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Texas, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Navy, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at UAB, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Tulsa, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 29 UTEP, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 5 SMU, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Tulane, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 19 UCF, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 26 at Houston, 3 p.m.
RUTGERS
 Sep. 3 at Illinois, Noon
 Sep. 10 Villanova, TBA
 Sep. 17 at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Sep. 30 Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 8 West Virginia, TBA
 Oct. 15 at Syracuse, TBA
 Oct. 22 at Connecticut, TBA
 Oct. 29 Navy, TBA
 Nov. 5 South Florida, Noon
 Nov. 11 at Louisville, 8 p.m.
 Nov. 26 Cincinnati, TBA
SMU
 Sep. 3 Baylor, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 10 TCU, 9:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Texas A&M, 12:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Tulane, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Marshall, 4:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at UAB, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 15 East Carolina, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Tulsa, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Rice, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 26 UTEP, 3 p.m.
SAN DIEGO ST.
 Sep. 3 UCLA, 10:15 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Air Force, TBA
 Sep. 17 at Ohio St., 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 San Jose St., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 BYU, 10 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at UNLV, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Utah, TBA
 Oct. 22 New Mexico, TBA
 Oct. 29 TCU, TBA
 Nov. 12 at Colorado St., TBA
 Nov. 19 Wyoming, TBA

Dec. 3 at Hawaii, 11 p.m.
SAN JOSE ST.
 Sep. 3 E. Washington, 6 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Illinois, 2 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at San Diego St., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Nevada, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at Utah St., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Boise St., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Hawaii, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
 Nov. 19 New Mexico St., 6 p.m.
 Nov. 26 Idaho, 6 p.m.
SOUTH CAROLINA
 Sep. 1 UCF, 7:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Georgia, 5:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Alabama, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Troy, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Auburn, TBA
 Oct. 8 Kentucky, TBA
 Oct. 22 Vanderbilt, TBA
 Oct. 29 at Tennessee, TBA
 Nov. 5 at Arkansas, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Florida, TBA
 Nov. 19 Clemson, TBA
SOUTH FLORIDA
 Sep. 3 at Penn St., 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Florida A&M, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 UCF, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Louisville, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Miami, TBA
 Oct. 15 at Pittsburgh, TBA
 Oct. 22 West Virginia, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Rutgers, Noon
 Nov. 12 at Syracuse, TBA
 Nov. 19 Cincinnati, Noon
 Nov. 26 at Connecticut, TBA
SOUTHERN CAL
 Sep. 3 at Hawaii, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Arkansas, 10:15 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at Oregon, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Arizona St., TBA
 Oct. 8 Arizona, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Washington St., 3:30 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Stanford, TBA
 Nov. 12 at Cal State, TBA
 Nov. 19 Fresno St., 10:15 p.m.
 Dec. 3 UCLA, 4:30 p.m.
SOUTHERN MISS.
 Sep. 4 Tulane, 4 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Alabama, 7:45 p.m.
 Sep. 17 McNeese, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 8 Tulsa, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 15 UCF, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 21 at UAB, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at N.C. State, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 8 at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Memphis, 7 p.m.
STANFORD
 Sep. 10 at Navy, 6 p.m.
 Sep. 17 UC Davis, 10 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Oregon, 5 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at Washington St., TBA
 Oct. 15 at Arizona, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Arizona St., 5 p.m.
 Oct. 29 UCLA, 5 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Southern Cal, TBA
 Nov. 12 at Oregon St., TBA
 Nov. 19 California, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 26 Notre Dame, TBA
SYRACUSE
 Sep. 4 West Virginia, 1:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Buffalo, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Virginia, Noon
 Oct. 1 at Florida St., TBA
 Oct. 7 at Connecticut, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Rutgers, TBA
 Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh, TBA
 Oct. 29 Cincinnati, Noon
 Nov. 12 South Florida, TBA
 Nov. 19 at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
 Nov. 26 at Louisville, TBA
TCU
 Sep. 3 at Oklahoma, Noon
 Sep. 10 at SMU, 9:30 p.m.
 Sep. 15 Utah, 7:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at BYU, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 1 New Mexico, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at Wyoming, TBA
 Oct. 15 Army, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Air Force, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at San Diego St., TBA
 Nov. 5 Colorado St., 7 p.m.
 Nov. 12 UNLV, 7 p.m.
TEMPLE
 Sep. 1 at Arizona St., 10 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Wisconsin, Noon
 Sep. 17 Toledo, 1 p.m.
 Sep. 24 W. Michigan, 1 p.m.

Oct. 1 at Bowling Green, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 8 Maryland, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Miami, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Clemson, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 29 Miami (Ohio), 1 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Virginia, TBA
 Nov. 19 at Navy, 1:30 p.m.
TENNESSEE
 Sep. 3 UAB, 12:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Florida, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at LSU, TBA
 Oct. 1 Mississippi, TBA
 Oct. 8 Georgia, TBA
 Oct. 22 at Alabama, TBA
 Oct. 29 South Carolina, TBA
 Nov. 5 at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Memphis, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Vanderbilt, TBA
 Nov. 26 at Kentucky, TBA
TEXAS
 Sep. 3 Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Ohio St., 8 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Rice, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Missouri, TBA
 Oct. 8 Oklahoma, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Colorado, TBA
 Oct. 22 Texas Tech, TBA
 Oct. 29 at Oklahoma St., TBA
 Nov. 5 at Baylor, TBA
 Nov. 12 Kansas, TBA
 Nov. 25 at Texas A&M, Noon
TEXAS A&M
 Sep. 3 at Clemson, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 17 SMU, 12:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Texas St., TBA
 Oct. 1 Baylor, TBA
 Oct. 8 at Colorado, TBA
 Oct. 15 Oklahoma St., TBA
 Oct. 22 at Kansas St., TBA
 Oct. 29 Iowa St., TBA
 Nov. 5 at Texas Tech, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Oklahoma, TBA
 Nov. 25 Texas, Noon
TEXAS TECH
 Sep. 10 Fla. International, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Sam Houston St., 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Indiana St., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Kansas, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at Nebraska, TBA
 Oct. 15 Kansas St., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Texas, TBA
 Oct. 29 at Baylor, TBA
 Nov. 5 Texas A&M, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Oklahoma St., TBA
 Nov. 19 Oklahoma, 2 p.m.
TOLEDO
 Sep. 1 W. Illinois, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 10 W. Michigan, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Temple, 1 p.m.
 Sep. 27 at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
 Oct. 8 E. Michigan, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Ball St., 3 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Cent. Michigan, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 4 at Ohio, 8 p.m.
 Nov. 16 N. Illinois, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 22 at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
TROY
 Sep. 3 Cal Poly-SLO, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 10 UAB, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Missouri, 2 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at South Carolina, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 4 at North Texas, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Louisiana-Monroe, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 20 Fla. International, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Florida Atlantic, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Arkansas St., 7 p.m.
 Nov. 26 Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
TULANE
 Sep. 4 at Southern Miss., 4 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Mississippi St., 8 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at SMU, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 SE Louisiana, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8 Houston, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 14 UTEP, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at UCF, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 29 Marshall, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Navy, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Rice, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Tulsa, 7 p.m.
TULSA
 Sep. 1 Minnesota, 10:15 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Oklahoma, 12:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at North Texas, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Memphis, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Houston, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at Southern Miss., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Rice, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 22 SMU, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at UTEP, 9 p.m.
 Nov. 12 East Carolina, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 19 at Tulane, 7 p.m.

UAB
 Sep. 3 at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Troy, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Jacksonville St., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Rice, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 SMU, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Marshall, 5 p.m.
 Oct. 21 Southern Miss., 8 p.m.
 Nov. 1 at Memphis, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 UCF, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 19 at UTEP, 9 p.m.
 Nov. 26 at East Carolina, Noon
UCF
 Sep. 1 at South Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at South Florida, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Louisiana-Lafayette, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 8 Memphis, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Tulane, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at East Carolina, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Houston, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at UAB, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 19 at Rice, 3 p.m.
UCLA
 Sep. 3 at San Diego St., 10:15 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Rice, 10 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Oklahoma, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Washington, TBA
 Oct. 8 California, TBA
 Oct. 15 at Washington St., TBA
 Oct. 22 Oregon St., TBA
 Oct. 29 at Stanford, 5 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at Arizona, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Arizona St., 7 p.m.
 Dec. 3 at Southern Cal, 4:30 p.m.
UNLV
 Sep. 5 at New Mexico, 1 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Idaho, TBA
 Sep. 17 at Nevada, 10 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at Utah St., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Wyoming, TBA
 Oct. 8 San Diego St., 3 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Air Force, TBA
 Oct. 22 Utah, TBA
 Nov. 5 BYU, TBA
 Nov. 12 at TCU, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Colorado St., TBA
UTEP
 Sep. 3 at New Mexico St., 10:30 p.m.
 Sep. 16 Houston, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 24 New Mexico, 9 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 14 at Tulane, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Marshall, 9 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Rice, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Tulsa, 9 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Texas Southern, 9 p.m.
 Nov. 19 UAB, 9 p.m.
 Nov. 26 at SMU, 3 p.m.
UTAH
 Sep. 2 Arizona, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Utah St., 8 p.m.
 Sep. 15 at TCU, 7:30 p.m.
 Sep. 22 Air Force, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at North Carolina, TBA
 Oct. 8 at Colorado St., 3 p.m.
 Oct. 15 San Diego St., TBA
 Oct. 22 UNLV, TBA
 Nov. 5 Wyoming, TBA
 Nov. 12 New Mexico, TBA
 Nov. 19 at BYU, TBA
UTAH ST.
 Sep. 3 Nicholls St., 3 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 24 UNLV, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Idaho, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 8 San Jose St., 8 p.m.
 Oct. 15 at Fresno St., 10 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Boise St., 3 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Alabama, TBA
 Nov. 5 Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Hawaii, 11 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Nevada, 3 p.m.
 Nov. 26 at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.
VANDERBILT
 Sep. 1 at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Mississippi, 12:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Richmond, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 LSU, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Georgia, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at South Carolina, TBA
 Nov. 5 at Florida, TBA
 Nov. 12 Kentucky, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 19 at Tennessee, TBA
VIRGINIA
 Sep. 3 W. Michigan, 6:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Syracuse, Noon
 Sep. 24 Duke, Noon
 Oct. 1 at Maryland, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 8 at Boston College, TBA

Oct. 15 Florida St., TBA
 Oct. 22 at North Carolina, TBA
 Nov. 5 Temple, TBA
 Nov. 12 Georgia Tech, TBA
 Nov. 19 Virginia Tech, TBA
 Nov. 26 at Miami, TBA
VIRGINIA TECH
 Sep. 4 at N.C. State, 7:15 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Duke, Noon
 Sep. 17 Ohio, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Georgia Tech, TBA
 Oct. 1 at West Virginia, Noon
 Oct. 8 Marshall, TBA
 Oct. 20 at Maryland, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 27 Boston College, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Miami, TBA
 Nov. 19 at Virginia, TBA
 Nov. 26 North Carolina, TBA
W. MICHIGAN
 Sep. 3 at Virginia, 6:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Toledo, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 S. Illinois, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 at Temple, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 Ball St., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 22 at Bowling Green, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 29 Kent St., 2 p.m.
 Nov. 5 at E. Michigan, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Cent. Michigan, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 23 at N. Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
WAKE FOREST
 Sep. 1 Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 10 at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 17 East Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Maryland, TBA
 Oct. 1 Clemson, TBA
 Oct. 8 at Florida St., TBA
 Oct. 15 at Boston College, TBA
 Oct. 22 N.C. State, TBA
 Oct. 29 at Duke, TBA
 Nov. 5 at Georgia Tech, TBA
 Nov. 17 Miami, 7:30 p.m.
WASHINGTON
 Sep. 3 Air Force, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 California, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Idaho, 3:30 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at UCLA, TBA
 Oct. 15 at Oregon, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 22 Southern Cal, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Arizona St., 6:30 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Oregon St., 3:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 at Arizona, 6 p.m.
 Nov. 19 Washington St., 3:15 p.m.
WASHINGTON ST.
 Sep. 1 Idaho, 9 p.m.
 Sep. 9 at Nevada, 10 p.m.
 Sep. 17 Grambling St., 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 at Oregon St., TBA
 Oct. 8 Stanford, TBA
 Oct. 15 UCLA, TBA
 Oct. 22 at California, TBA
 Oct. 29 at Southern Cal, 3:30 p.m.
 Nov. 5 Arizona St., TBA
 Nov. 12 Oregon, 10:15 p.m.
 Nov. 19 at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
WEST VIRGINIA
 Sep. 4 at Syracuse, 1:30 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Wofford, 8 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Maryland, Noon
 Sep. 24 East Carolina, Noon
 Oct. 1 Virginia Tech, Noon
 Oct. 8 at Rutgers, TBA
 Oct. 15 Louisville, TBA
 Oct. 22 at South Florida, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 2 Connecticut, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 9 at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 24 Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
WISCONSIN
 Sep. 3 Bowling Green, Noon
 Sep. 10 Temple, Noon
 Sep. 17 at North Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Sep. 24 Michigan, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Indiana, TBA
 Oct. 8 at Northwestern, TBA
 Oct. 15 at Minnesota, TBA
 Oct. 22 Purdue, 3:30 p.m.
 Oct. 29 at Illinois, TBA
 Nov. 5 at Penn St., TBA
 Nov. 12 Iowa, TBA
 Nov. 25 at Hawaii, 9 p.m.
WYOMING
 Sep. 3 at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Sep. 10 Louisiana-Monroe, 3 p.m.
 Sep. 17 at Air Force, TBA
 Sep. 24 at Mississippi, TBA
 Oct. 1 UNLV, TBA
 Oct. 8 TCU, TBA
 Oct. 15 New Mexico, TBA
 Oct. 22 at Colorado St., TBA
 Nov. 5 at Utah, TBA
 Nov. 12 BYU, TBA
 Nov. 19 at San Diego St., TBA

2005 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

MATEWAN	Sept. 3	Hannan	Sept. 16	at Madonna	Sept. 23	Richwood	Oct. 7	Ravenswood	Oct. 14	Hurley, Va.	Oct. 21	Burch	
Sept. 2	at Williamson	Sept. 9	at Hurley, Va.	Sept. 23	at Van	Sept. 30	at Van	Oct. 14	at Iaeger	Oct. 21	Williamstown	Oct. 28	Wahama
Sept. 10	at Portsmouth East, Ohio	Sept. 17	Harts	Sept. 30	at Cameron	Oct. 7	Hamlin	Oct. 21	at Chapmanville	Oct. 28	Burch	Oct. 28	Wahama
Sept. 16	at Man	Sept. 23	at Gauley Bridge	Oct. 7	Beallsville, Ohio	Oct. 14	at Tygarts Valley	Oct. 28	at Scott	Nov. 4	Williamson	Aug. 26	Williamstown
Sept. 30	at Tolsia	Oct. 1	Pocahontas, Va.	Oct. 14	at Notre Dame	Oct. 21	at Mount Hope	Nov. 4	at Roane County			Sept. 2	at Federal Hocking, Ohio
Sept. 23	Burch	Oct. 7	at Meadow Bridge	Oct. 21	at Bishop Donahue	Oct. 28	at Pike View					Sept. 9	at Reedsville Eastern, Ohio
Oct. 14	at Tug Valley	Oct. 15	Duval	Oct. 28	Valley Wetzel							Sept. 16	Glouster Trimble, Ohio
Oct. 22	Gilbert	Oct. 22	Twin Valley, Va.	Nov. 4	Hundred	Aug. 26	at Webster County	Aug. 26	Padon City			Sept. 23	at Buffalo
Oct. 28	Parkersburg Catholic	Oct. 29	at Greater Beckley Christian			Sept. 2	Greenbrier West	Sept. 2	Tygarts Valley			Sept. 30	at Calhoun County
Nov. 4	at Fayetteville	Aug. 26	at Sherman	Aug. 27	Wirt County	Sept. 9	at Fayetteville	Sept. 9	Bishop Donahue			Oct. 7	at South Gallia, Ohio
		Sept. 2	Oak Hill	Sept. 3	Meadow Bridge	Sept. 16	at Federal Hocking, Ohio	Sept. 16	Lincoln			Oct. 21	Tolsia
		Sept. 16	at Gilmer County	Sept. 9	at Cameron	Sept. 16	at Cameron	Sept. 23	at Doddridge County			Oct. 28	Parkersburg Catholic
		Sept. 23	at Greenbrier West	Sept. 16	at Waterford	Sept. 24	Fayetteville	Sept. 30	at Independence			Nov. 4	Moorefield
		Sept. 30	at Greater Beckley Christian	Oct. 7	at St. Marys	Oct. 7	at Braxton County	Oct. 7	at Liberty Harrison				
		Oct. 14	Valley Fayette	Oct. 14	at Matewan	Oct. 14	Summers County	Oct. 14	Valley Wetzel				
		Oct. 21	Fayetteville	Oct. 21	at Wahoma	Oct. 21	South Harrison	Oct. 21	at Notre Dame				
		Oct. 28	Pocahontas County	Oct. 28	Williamstown	Oct. 28	Gilmer County	Oct. 28	at Richwood				
		Nov. 4	Meadow Bridge	Nov. 4		Nov. 4							
			at Gilbert										

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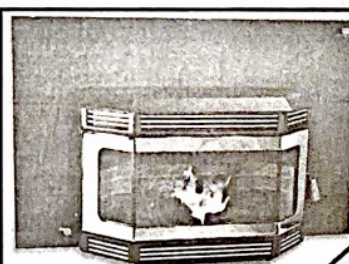
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